DAYS OF
COOL IDOLS
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Concerning Honorifics

At Go! Comi, we do our best to ensure that our translations read seamlessly in English while respecting the original Japanese language and culture. To this end the original honorifics (the suffixes found at the end of characters' names) remain intact. In Japan, where politeness and formality are more integrated into every aspect of the language, honorifics give a better understanding of character relationships. They can be used to indicate both respect and affection. Whether a person addresses someone by first name or last name also indicates how close their relationship is.

Here are some of the honorifics you might encounter in reading this book:

-san: This is the most common and neutral of honorifics. The polite way to address someone you're not on close terms with is to use "-san," it's kind of like Mr. or Ms., except you can use "-san" with first names as easily as family names.

-chan: Used for friendly familiarity, mostly applied towards young girls. "-chan" also carries a connotation of cuteness with it, so it is frequently used with nicknames towards both boys and girls (such as "Na-chan" for "Natsu").

-kun: Like "-chan," it's an informal suffix for friends and classmates, only "-kun" is usually associated with boys. It can also be used in a professional environment by someone addressing a subordinate.

-sama: Indicates a great deal of respect or admiration.

Sempai: In school, "sempai" is used to refer to an upperclassman or club leader. It can also be used in the workplace by a new employee to address a mentor or staff member with seniority.

Sensei: Teachers, doctors, writers or any master of a trade are referred to as "sensei." When addressing a manga creator, the polite thing to do is attach "-sensei" to the manga-ka's name (as in Amemiya-sensei).

Onii: This is the more casual term for an older brother. Usually you'll see it with an honorific attached, such as "onii-chan."

Onee: The casual term for older sister, it's used like "onii" with honorifics.

[blank]: Not using an honorific when addressing someone indicates that the speaker has permission to speak intimately with the other person. This relationship is usually reserved for close friends and family.

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聖光学院アイドル組!

MEET THE MEMBERS OF THE SEIKO ACADEMY IDOL CLASS!

With his dopey glasses and run-of-the-mill looks, Tsubasa never expected to find himself in the school's elite VIP class! Now he's surrounded by the hottest young men from around Japan, including the idol singing group RINXS!

[Characters!]

Seiko Academy Principal

A genius at picking out hidden potential, he knew what he was doing when he entrusted Tsubasa with a top-secret mission.

Haruna Akagi

Also a senior in high school and member of RINXS. He may seem cool and collected on the surface, but rumor has it there's a little Jekyll and Hyde under that pretty face! Next to Reiji, he leads RINXS from the sidelines.

Reiji Kaga

Already in his last year of high school, he's the leader of the RINXS band and makes sure everyone knows it. Don't mind his cold and rough exterior—this puppy's got a heart of gold.

Yui Hoshino

She was once at the top of the entertainment world, but after some trouble with a persistent stalker, she's developed a severe case of social anxiety disorder.

Yamato Himeoka

A member of RINXS in his second year of high school. This mysterious boy's pretty savvy with a deck of tarot cards.

Kaito Tachibana

Also with only one more year to go in high school, Kaito's the buff and handsome member of RINXS that has all the girls squealing.

Riku Tsuiki

A member of RINXS who's also a freshman like Tsubasa. On the outside, he's a cool and smooth idol but on the inside, he's a bona fide otaku. As one of Yui Hoshino's biggest fans, rooming together with look-alike Tsubasa may not be the best idea.

Tsubasa Nagumo

This four-eyed nerd joined the prestigious Seiko Academy, determined to turn over a new leaf and beat his crippling-ly timid demeanor. Although already in high school, some unknown trauma from his past continues to haunt him. Could it be his baby face that makes him so self-conscious?

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IT'S ONE OF JAPAN'S MOST PROMINENT ALL-BOYS BOARDING SCHOOLS.
IN THE HEART OF YOKOHAMA...
...YOU'LL FIND THE PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL SEIKO ACADEMY.
WAIT A SECOND.
A FINAL EXAM?
AND I'VE COME HERE TO JUMPSTART A NEW LIFE
YOU'RE EXEMPT FROM THE SWIMSUIT TEST.
You greatly did pass with flying colors.
Optional?
OH, YOU DID!
And splendidly too.
THIS IS JUST AN OPTIONAL TEST.
BUT... I THOUGHT I ALREADY PASSED THE ENTRANCE EXAMS.
KNOCK
SIR, I'VE BROUGHT YOU...
...THE NEW STUDENT.
KNOCK
SWIM-SUIT... WHAT NOW?

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THE VIP CLASS, JUST LIKE OUR SCHOOL AND DORMS, IS LUXURIOUS IN EVERY WAY! ♡
DON'T YOU WORRY YOUR PRETTY LITTLE HEAD, MY BOY! ♪
It's simply marvelous!
I CALL IT MY OWN PERSONAL GARDEN OF PRETTY BOYS
Every girl's wet dream!
BUT I'M JUST A REGULAR KID. I DON'T HAVE ANY TALE—
Okay, he's not even listening.
WE HAVE THE FINEST TEAM OF LECTURERS AND CHEFS AT YOUR EVERY BECK AND CALL!
CLASSES AND MEALS ARE AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY!
And classes can be scheduled around any work shifts.
HOLD ON A SECOND THERE, PRINCIPAL!
ADDITIONALLY, ALL THE BASEMENTS HAVE BEEN CONVERTED INTO STUDIOS FOR PRACTICE AND REHEARSALS!
THE DORMS ALSO COME EQUIPPED WITH M. SSIVE BATHING AREAS THAT RUN ON NATURAL HOT SPRING WATER ♡

Eep!
YOU PAAAAAAAAS!!
PASS
STAMP
CONGRATULATIONS, TSUBASA NAGUMO-KUN!
AS OF TODAY, YOU ARE THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE ELITE V CLASS!
Ha ha ha!
ONLY THOSE WHO PASS THE RIGOROUS AUDITIONS
EXHIBITING IMPECCABLE BEHAVIOR, TOP-NOTCH GRADES, AND LOOKS TO DIE FOR ARE ALLOWED IN
AND IT'S NOT JUST ANY OLD TALENT CLASS
THE VIP CLASS IS THE SCHOOL'S PRIDE AND JOY! A SPECIALLY CRAFTED TALENT CLASS THAT SELECTS ONLY THE FINEST STUDENTS FROM ALL GRADES
SAY WHAT?

DON'T MIND HIM, TSUBASA-KUN.
How do you know my name?
?
HE STICKS OUT LIKE A SORE THUMB!
And he's short!
REI-KUN! WATCH YOUR MOUTH!
HEY!
Y-YES!?
Listen here.
DON'T YOU FEEL ANYTHING AFTER GAZING UPON MY BEAUTIFUL FACE?
NOPE. NOT A THING
Maybe it's 'cuz I'm straight.
AND WOULD YOU MIND BACKING UP? Comfort zone, remember?
YES, SIR!
WHIP IT OUT, TSUTSUMISHITA.
WHAT A COMPLETE AND UTTER KILLJOY!
GAAAAH!

WHAT MAKES THIS DUMB HICK GOOD ENOUGH TO JOIN US?
I MEAN, SERIOUSLY!
??
So right... Eyes... stinging...
TWINKLE
TWINKLE

GET THIS GUY OFFA ME!!
Hello!? A little help here!
Nnngah!
IT'S EASY TO SEE, THE CARDS ALL AGREE
LIKE A SIGN FROM GOD TELLING US TO GO FORTH WITH PLAN YOU-KNOW-WHAT
IN ANY CASE HIS ACCEPTANCE INTO THE SCHOOL WAS PERFECT TIMING
PSST
PSST
PSST
SWOON
SWOON
FLASH
EYES ON THE SCREEN, TSUBASA-KUN!
And... action!
!?
THIS YOUNG WOMAN IS YUI HOSHINO
SHE'S A FAMOUS IDOL, ADORED BY MILLIONS NATIONWIDE.
THAT IS WHY, TSUBASA-KUN...
?
OOOOH!
HUH?
!?
My glasses
PLUSH
OH MY...
WHO?
PWUFF
FWAP
NOW HOLD STILL...
!?
GYAAAH!
...GOD!! IT'S MY PRECIOUS YUI-CHAN!!
GLOMP
SHOVE
SHOVE
SHOVE
Haah! Haah!
AND YOU WERE ABLE TO UNCOVER HIS HIDDEN POTENTIAL WITH JUST A PHOTOGRAPH? IMPRESSIVE, PRINCIPAL.
YOU FLATTER ME, HARUNA-KUN.
I guess you're not entirely insane, huh, hm?
JUDGING BY IDOL-OBSESSED RIKU'S REACTION... ...I'D SAY IT'S A MATCH.

MY NAME IS HARUNA AKAGI.
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU
UH— OKAY?
WE'RE SORRY, TSUBASA-KUN
Hey!
REI-KUN CAN BE QUITE HARSH SOMETIMES
BUT DON'T WORRY, HE'S ACTUALLY A NICE GUY.
S-SAME HERE!
NOW, TSUBASA-KUN, HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF IDOL FUND?
IT'S A FUND FOR PRIVATE INVESTORS WHO USE IDOLS AS THEIR INVESTMENT PROPERTY
IDOL FUND?
HOSHINO-SAN ACTUALLY FOUNDED IDOL FUND—
...AND AS AN INVESTMENT PROPERTY HERSELF, SHE MADE A PROMISE TO HER INVESTORS
SHE PROMISED THEM FOUR KEY THINGS: TO STAY HEALTHY, TO NOT DISRUPT WORK, TO AVOID ANY SCANDALS...
...AND TO NEVER RETIRE WITHOUT WARNING.
IF WORD EVER LEAKED THAT SHE WAS UNABLE TO WORK DUE TO HER ANXIETY DISORDER...
...THE BACKLASH FROM THE INVESTORS WOULD BE CATASTROPHIC!

GRIP
YOU MUST BE YUI HOSHINO FROM NOW ON!
...I'M SORRY?
THE STRESS DEVELOPED INTO A SEVERE SOCIAL ANXIETY DISORDER
...AND SHE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO LEAVE HER HOME MUCH LESS WORK FOR NOW, SHE'S TAKING A MUCH NEEDED BREAK
THAT BRINGS ME TO MY POINT.
WE NEED YOU TO ACT AS YUI-KUN'S STAND-IN AND PERFORM ONSTAGE!
THAT WAY, WORK CONTINUES AS USUAL AND EVERYONE'S HAPPY!
EXCEPT FOR ME.
YOU SEE, YUI-KUN HAD A BAD RUN-IN WITH A STALKER.
...AND IS CURRENTLY IN RECOVERY.
MAYBE YOU SHOULD SKIP THIS WHOLE BODY DOUBLE THING AND JUST TELL THE PUBLIC
It'll be messier if they find out later!
WHAT ARE YOU, STUPID!?
IF IT WERE THAT EASY, WE WOULD'VE DONE THAT BY NOW!
STUP!?

DON'T WORRY, KID.
WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH, YOU'LL HAVE THE NATION'S LEADING IDOL GROUP AT YOUR BACK.
I AM YUI-CHAN'S PERSONAL MANAGER AMANO
I BEG OF YOU, PLEASE CONSIDER THIS OFFER!
HUH?
And who would that be?
HAVEN'T YOU NOTICED YET?
SNAP
THEY'RE STANDING RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU!

WAIT!
I COULD NEVER TAKE ON THAT KIND OF PRESSURE!
IT'S ALL TOO MUCH!
AND AS THE FOUNDER, IF YUI-SAN'S CAREER FAILED, HER ASSOCIATED OFFICES WOULD SOON FOLLOW SUIT.
They're still... small-scale you see.
WE'RE NOT LISTENING!!
ARE YOU KIDDING ME!?
Jerks! The whole lot of em!
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DO IT.
BUT.. BUT..!
MOMMY! I'M HUNGRY!
Don't give me those puppy dog eyes!
I KNOW SWEETIE BUT PRODUCTION IS AT A STANDSTILL, AND MY 401K'S BEEN DRAINED!
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO EAT!
NO!! I WANT FOOD!
WHY YOU UN-GRATEFUL CHILD!
SHAKE SHAKE
SEX→
PRINCIPAL
TSU-BASA-KUN!
ONE-MAN SHOW
PLEASE, TSUBASA-KUN
YOU HAVE TO HELP US.
JEAN

So shiny...
THIS DORM ROOM...
...IS WAY TOO GALIDY FOR A GROWING BOY LIKE ME.
Feels like I'm in a dollhouse.
HAUL
GLITTER GLITTER GLITTER
I CAN'T GO BACK TO THE WAY I WAS!
GASP! はっ
STAY STRONG!
NO! I CAN'T BE WEAK!

All my roommate Riku-kun does is play video games.
His dresser is stuffed with figurines and models!
SO I GUESS IT'S NOT TOO WEIRD TO SEE AN OTAKU IN HERE

ペっ PERK
IT'S THE LIMITED-EDITION OLIVER NIGHTS MECHA EQUIPPED WITH SKY CANNON!
OH WOW!!
THE MECHA DESIGNS REALLY ARE SOMETHING, HUH?
I WAS SO BUMMED WHEN THE ANIME STOPPED AIRING MIDSEASON BACK AT HOME!
I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE UP-CLOSE BEFORE!

WE'RE THE BOY BAND RINXS!

ドDOOOOOMW..

Ha!
...I HAVE TO PLAY BODY DOUBLE FOR GIRL IDOL!
DUDE! YOU TOTALLY LOOK LIKE A GIRL!

Ha!
SIGH...
IF THIS IS JUST THE FIRST DAY... ...WHAT'S NEXT?
TRY COMING TO SCHOOL IN A SKIRT TOMORROW!
YEAH, YOU'RE NOT CUT OUT TO BE A BOY, NAGUMO!

I KNOW THIS IS SUDDEN, BUT WE'RE HOLDING A CONCERT FOR THE INVESTORS OF IDOL FUND THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW
YOU CAN JUST LIP-SYNCH THE WORDS, SO DON'T WORRY!
They'll be sure to fall for it!
Manager Amano
Please watch these DVDs to get familiar with everything.
SOB
HAUL
FNV
THIS IS LIKE SOME TWISTED SOAP OPERA!
I BARELY HAVE TIME TO ADJUST TO SCHOOL AND ALREADY THIS HAPPENS!
And I haven't even agreed to it yet!
NOT TO MENTION

RINXS CONCERT TOUR 200
I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE THAT'S THE SAME GUY FROM BEFORE!
BA-DUM!!
REIJI KAGA
AGE 18
RIKU TSUIKI
AGE 16
HIM, TOO.
Fujihara-kun!
CHEER!
YAMATO HIMEOKA
AGE 17
WOW...
KAITO TACHIBANA
AGE 17
HARUNA AKAGI
AGE 18

I'M SOOOO HAPPY YOU'RE MY ROOMMATE!
WHO NEEDS FORMALITIES!?
SNRP
RIKU-KUN! YOU'RE CRUSH-ING ME!
HUG
TSUBASA-KUN!
ゆっ
OOPS.

YOU BET!
YEP WANNA SEE IT?
YOU MEAN FOR RINXS?
OMIGOD! I'M SO SORRY!
DON'T WORRY 'BOUT IT! IT'S JUST ONE OF OUR DVDS
Only the case broke.
Besides, I'm the one who bumped you.

LAY OFF THE HARSH REMARKS.
DON'T FORGET WE'RE CLASSMATES AND DORM MATES NOW.
HUH?
It's like... magic!!
Makes you wanna start 'em with jam and eat 'em!
HARUNA, YOU GOTTA TRY THIS!
DON'T WALTZ INTO OTHER PEOPLE'S ROOMS LIKE YOU OWN IT!
Trespasser!
BUT THE DVD JUST SAID YOU'RE ALREADY 18
UNLESS IT'S ALL A LIE.
Did you get held back?
I'm only a freshman!!
DON'T YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT V CLASS!?
Watch it or I'll yank your cheeks again!

*SEE TRANSLATOR'S NOTES

POSTER CHILDREN?
THE VIP CLASS IS THE SPECIALLY CRAFTED TALENT CLASS THAT SELECTS ONLY THE FINEST STUDENTS FROM ALL GRADES
TO PUT IT SIMPLY, WE'RE THE DISGRACED CHILDREN OF SEIKO ACADEMY.
We call it "V class" for short
I SEE...
IF ANYTHING IT'S POPULAR AMONG MOTHERS
WHAT WITH THE DECLINING BIRTH RATE IN OUR COUNTRY, IT'S THE SCHOOL'S PRIMARY TACTIC TO ENSURING ITS SURVIVAL
SAVE THE POLITICS FOR LATER!
—IT INCREASES THE SCHOOL'S REPUTATION WHILE STRENGTHENING ITS BRAND POWER
BY ONLY SELECTING THE MOST GIFTED STUDENTS

WHOA, HIS CHEEKS ARE AS SOFT AS A BABY'S BOTTOM!
TUTUTUTU
...city the duped women of the world.
MUCH COOLER THAN THE FIRST IMPRESSION I GOT.
Le sigh...

SO YOU'RE SAYING...
.. YOU STILL HAVEN'T FOUND WHO THE STALKER REALLY IS?
HE'S BEEN NIGHT-MARE.
HE MANAGED TO WIRETAP BOTH HER HOME AND OFFICE...
...AND HAS STOLEN HER UNDERGAR-MENTS AND PERSONAL DIARY ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION.
YUI-CHAN'S BEEN IN TEARS OVER IT.
.....
I JUST HOPE...
...SHE GETS BACK TO HER OLD HAPPY SELF SOON.
ALL WE KNOW IS THAT THE CULPRIT HAS A TATTOO ON HIS LEFT ARM
AND HE'S NO DOUBT A MEMBER OF HER FAN CLUB
CREAK
PLEASE DO
YUI-CHAN?
MAY WE COME IN?
KNOCK KNOCK
YOU MUST NEVER TAKE OFF YOUR GLASSES IN FRONT OF RIKU!
THOSE GLASSES ARE YOUR CHASTITY BELT!
CHASTITY BELT?
Are you serious?
O... KAY?
Wanna play video games?
But if he finds a girl anything I'll gave him a good beating.
YOU MAY NOT THINK IT, BUT RIKU'S A REAL ANIMAL.
He can hardly control himself!
IS YOUR VIRGINITY STILL INTACT, TSU-BASA?
HUH?
IS IT!?
FOR WHAT?
WE'VE GOT TO HURRY UP AND GET READY!
CRAP! LOOK AT THE TIME!
YUI HOSHINO-SAN SAYS SHE WANTS TO MEET YOU RIGHT AWAY!

I'M SORRY.
I WAS JUST LIKE THAT..
ACHE
...ONCE
DON'T APOLOGIZE!
SO..
I'M GOING TO BE YOUR BODY DOUBLE!
THINGS WILL WORK OUT!
AND YOU CAN DRY YOUR TEARS FOR GOOD.
...TRY TO FIND IT IN YOUR HEART...
...TO REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE YOU CAN TRUST!
SO EVEN IF IT'S TO EARLY TO ASK..

THAT'S CLOSE ENOUGH!
STARTLE
I'M SORRY
, FOR ASKING YOU TO DO THIS
BUT YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I CAN RELY ON
...TO BE BETRAYED BY THE ONES I TRUSTED.
I FEEL LIKE I CAN'T TRUST ANYONE AGAIN.
IT HURT SO MUCH
I SINCERELY LOVE ALL OF MY FANS
BUT

STANCE 7
Watch closely
Hic substitute
IT'S A TRICKY ROUTINE, BUT THIS IS HOW IT GOES
Better get them down.
TWIST AT THE HIP, CROSSING ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER.
AND THEN COMPLETE THE SPIN
Got it?
AND THEN
MEOW! ♡
I think I just lost my lunch
I'LL GO THROUGH THE ROUTINE WITH YOU ALL NIGHT IF I HAVE TO.
Hey!
THE STUDIO ISN'T THE PLACE FOR TAKING NOTES, MORON!
BUT WHAT IF I FORGET!?
Okay then!
ONCE MORE
FROM THE TOP!
I'M SORRY, YUI-CHAN
BUT THE TRUTH IS..
NO NEED...
...TO THANK ME
YOU JUST GET THE REST YOU NEED.
OKAY?
YES.. THANK YOU.
...I CAN'T TRUST EVERYONE EITHER.
STUDIO-1
In use Only
GUUH..
TWIRL, STOP, THEN CAT-POSE!
IT GOES LIKE THIS!
TWIRL? CAT-POSE?
HERE, LEARN FROM THE PRO.
NO, NO!
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG, TSUBASA-KUN!

YOU MUST BE THIRSTY WOULD YOU LIKE SOMETHING TO DRINK?
ANYTHING FIZZY
GREAT!
SWEET DREAMS, TSUBASA-KUN!
I'LL PRACTICE WITH YOU MORE WHEN I GET BACK TOMORROW
OKAY?
SURE
THANKS, RIKU-KUN
YOU TSUBASA-KUN?
AND DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE FINE WITH ANYTHING
HUH? ER...
I GUESS I'LL HAVE A SPORTS DRINK.
DON'T YOU ALSO HAVE TO GET UP EARLY TOMORROW?
LIKE HARUNA-SEMPAI?
WHAT ABOUT IT?
UM...

NOW, LET'S SEE...
FIRST TWIST AT THE HIP, CROSS MY LEGS...
DO A TURN, AND END WITH...
...MEOW!
VERY WELL DONE!
CLAP CLAP
HARUNA-SEMPAI!
YOU'RE A QUICK LEARNER, TSUBASA-KUN AND YOU HAVE EXCELLENT FORM
AW, PLEASE I CAN HARDLY—
Er, uh...
ENOUGH FROM THE PEANUT GALLERY!
Watch it, Haruna!
YOU MIGHT EVEN BE FASTER AT THIS THAN REI-KUN AND YAMATO
Oops!
GOOD THINKING!
YOU SHOULD GET SOME SLEEP
WE HAVE A DRAMA RECORDING TOMORROW MORNING
DID YOU COME DOWN HERE JUST TO BOTHER US?
RIKU, DON'T FORGET...
It's the middle of the night!

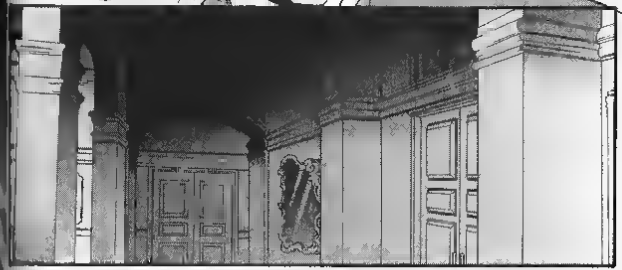
...THAT YOU'RE AN INCREDIBLE GUY FOR THAT.
...YOU'VE COMMITTED TO GIVING IT YOUR BEST
EVEN AFTER ALL THIS WAS SUDDENLY DUMPED ON YOU...
WE CAN'T OVER-LOOK THE FACT
IT'S LIKE A PIMPLE ON YOUR GOOD LOOKS!
BUT WHAT'S WITH THE LAME-ASS GLASSES?
I HATE THE WAY... I LOOK.
IT'S BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO BE SEEN
EVEN IF THEY ARE YOUR CHASTITY BELT
...THEY COULD STILL USE A FASHION UPDATE
BUT YOU NEED SOMEONE ELSE HELPING YOU.
I'LL BE FINE.
AFTER ALL, I'M THE ONE WHO DECIDED TO SEE THIS THING THROUGH
THE CONCERT'S COMING UP FAST
THEN YOU SHOULD GET AS MUCH SLEEP AS YOU CAN!
Oh, yeah?
THEN WHO ELSE IS GONNA LOOK AFTER YOU?
What a spoiled brat...
THUMP ドス
THUMP ドス
WHAT'S TAKING HARUNA SO LONG WITH MY DRINK!?
I need to feel the fizz...
WHY...
...IS EVERYONE SO EAGER TO HELP ME OUT WITH THIS?
EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE ALREADY SO BUSY?
...OBVI-OUS?
ISN'T IT...

AND YOU SHOULD FOCUS ON FINDING THOSE PEOPLE!
NOT EVERYONE HAS THE SAME OPINION ABOUT EVERYTHING!
SO—
I'M BACK!
ガチャ
SO EVEN IF THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIKE IT...
...THERE ARE ALWAYS PEOPLE WHO DO!
SORRY
TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH, HARUNA!

I'M SHORT AND SCRAWNY
AND PEOPLE MAKE FUN OF ME FOR BEING SO EFFEMINATE-LOOKING.
EVEN MY BEST FRIENDS USED TO TEASE ME ABOUT IT.
AND.
WELL, I LIKE IT!
SO WHAT ELSE MATTERS!?
I FORBID YOU FROM SAYING IT!
SEM-PAI?
GULP!
DON'T SAY THAT YOU HATE YOURSELF EVER AGAIN!

Sigh...
HOW CAN EVERYONE BE SO NICE TO ME?
I'M JUST A NOBODY.
IF I GOT STABBED IN THE BACK AGAIN...

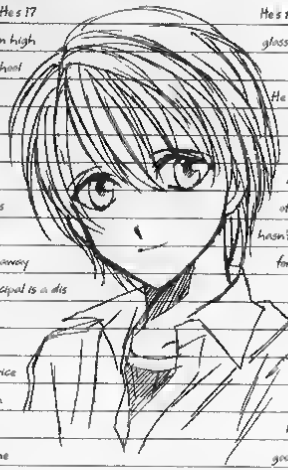
DASH
W-WAIT! LET ME GET MY WALLET FROM MY ROOM
HUH?
SHUT
YOU DON'T NEED TO PAY ME BACK—
AAH, SOFT DRINKS AT NIGHT ALWAYS HIT THE SPOT.
CHUG
HERE YOU GO, TSUBASA-KUN.
YOU MUSTN'T KEEP SCARING HIM, REI-KUN
I know how passionate you can get
SHUT UP.



CHARACTER NOTES

No. 1

[南雲 翼] *Tsubasa Nagumo*



The main character. He's 17 but only a freshman in high school. Back at his school in the countryside, he was betrayed by his best friend, and the trauma forced him to drop out. However, he's decided to start clean at a new school in faraway Tokyo. The school principal is a distant relative of his.

His favorite foods are rice omelets and ice cream. After some tough rehearsals, Reiji will sometimes sneak into the dorm kitchen in the middle of the night and make him rice omelets to eat. (Reiji's such a sweet guy.)

He heavily watches any television, so he doesn't know much about celebrities.

He's five feet tall with a slender figure. His glasses are pretty lame and out of fashion.

He looks a lot like the popular female idol Yui Hoshino, but it's also what makes him feel self-conscious. He admires manly-looking guys, so he drinks a lot of milk and tries to work out. (His voice hasn't changed yet, so he's often mistaken for his sister or mother over the phone.)

Not to mention, his little sister is even taller than him.

Overall, he's a kindhearted and hardworking boy. He's polite and has good manners. (He's even more popular than Yui Hoshino with her manager and staff.) He's also a good student and good at s

Welcome to the Character Notes page! Here you'll find out more about what your favorite characters were originally designed to be, and how they've changed into what you see now! Enjoy!

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[Author's Note] *This is Tsubasa. Reiji cooks him rice omelets sometimes. Lucky guy. Wait a minute, he works out!*

NOT EVERYONE HAS THE SAME OPINION ABOUT EVERYTHING!

AND YOU SHOULD FOCUS ON FINDING THOSE PEOPLE!

SO EVEN IF THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIKE IT...

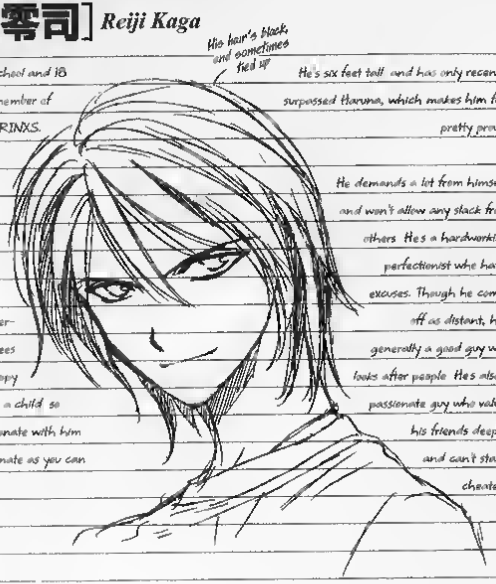
...THERE ARE ALWAYS PEOPLE WHO DO!

BUT HOW...?

CHARACTER NOTES

No 2

[加賀零司] *Reiji Kaga*



A senior in high school and 18 years old. He's a member of the idol boy band RINXS.

Straight-A's makes him a valedictorian.

Personality-wise he's the tough, older-brother type. He sees Tsubasa as the puppy he used to own as a child, so he's pretty affectionate with him. (About as affectionate as you can be with a dog.)

He's six feet tall and has only recently surpassed Haruna, which makes him feel pretty proud.

He demands a lot from himself and won't allow any slack from others. He's a hardworking perfectionist who hates excuses. Though he comes off as distant, he's generally a good guy who looks after people. He's also a passionate guy who values his friends deeply and can't stand cheaters.

His mother is a surgeon, and he has one older brother.

He's best friends with Haruna.

DAYS OF COOL IDOLS!

[Author's Note] *Reiji was originally planned to be even colder than he turned out to be. Now, he's just a guy with a lot of passion. And I think the affection he feels towards Tsubasa is stronger.*

Song 2. Little Advance
聖光学園
アイドル組(クラス)!
Days of Cool Idols!

IF I WERE EVER...
...STABBED IN THE BACK BY THESE PEOPLE...
Oh, my
Riku, you're trying to steal my thunder!
Tsubasa-kun!
...I'D NEVER GET OVER IT!

LOOKS LIKE CHICKEN SCRATCH.
FOR TSUBASA-KUN. YUI-CHAN'S DVDS AND PHOTO COLLECTIONS. LOOK THROUGH THEM FOR REFERENCE. RIKU
RUSTLE
GULP!
I never knew until now!
DO THEY REALLY EXPECT ME TO...?
This costume can't pose scream prostitute
WHOOOA! WHAT IS ALL THIS!?
CAT EARS!? MAID OUTFITS!?
She does more than just sing!?
Maid
GLITTER
NNGH
Mmph!
GYAAAAAH!
GLINT
GLINT
My eyes!!
MOMMY!
It's too shiny~
No wonder it's so quiet
RIKU-KUN MUST'VE GONE TO WORK...
Drama work starts early
And today's a Sunday

YEAH. THAT HIGH-PITCHED WHINING GIVES ME GOOSE BUMPS! EVERYTHING ABOUT HIM CREEPS ME OUT.
DID YOU KNOW NAGUMO'S VOICE HASN'T CHANGED YET?
...WOULD THEY GO OUT OF THEIR WAY TO DO THIS?
PLIP
PLOP
I'M JUST NOT...
...USED TO THIS SORT OF THING.
PLEASE.
Yo, Tsubasa!!! Master track 3 before I get home. Or else! Keep the fighting spirit alive! ← Eat this!
Dear Tsubasa-kun, Are you feeling better? If there's anything you need, don't hesitate to inform the dorm staff or call me. I'll see you again tonight.
Haruna Akagi
Nagumo-kun, Although the situation may seem grave, keep your head up and be brave.
Himeoka
May you stay in good health.
Kaito Tachibana
fighting spirit alive! ← Eat this!
WHY.

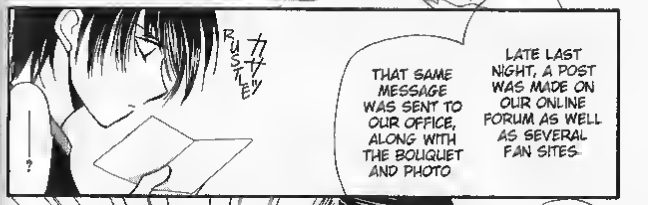
COULD I HAVE EVERY-ONE'S ..
.. ATTEN-TION FOR A MINUTE?
LOUNGE
WHAT!?
THE CONCERT'S BEEN CANCELED !?
THAT'S OUTRA-GEOUS!
WHY SO SUDDENLY!?
LAST NIGHT
..OUR OFFICE RECEIVED A DISTURBING PACKAGE

TRY PUTTING YOURSELF IN MY SHOES FOR ONCE
Haruna!
QUIT TALKING SMACK ABOUT ME!
KLATCH
SNIFFLE
IF ONLY OUR VERY OWN REI-KUN WERE SO AGILE
SQUEAK
INCREDIBLE, TSUBASA-KUN!
Hiiiiph!
Everyone's gotten more muscle.
AMANO-SAN?
GOOD EVENING, TSUBASA-KUN.

RIKU, PLEASE
S-SORRY!
BUT I CAN'T HELP IT!
WE'RE ASSUMING THE WORST AS WELL.
TOMORROW'S CONCERT AND MEET-AND-GREET ARE BEING HELD FOR IDOL FUND'S INVESTORS. THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN CALL IT OFF.
Many of them become investors for the very event!
BUT IF ANYTHING WERE TO HAPPEN...

BUT I THOUGHT THAT'S WHY YOU WANTED ME AS THE BODY DOUBLE.
To take the fall.
TSUBASA-KUN, NO
BUT...
—BUT YOUR SAFETY IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT IN THIS CASE.
It's just too risky.
WE TOOK YOU ON TO KEEP YUI-CHAN'S SCHEDULE GOING SMOOTHLY...

IT'S YUI-CHAN!
THE PICTURE'S BEEN PHOTO-SHOPPED!


RUSTLE
?!
THAT SAME MESSAGE WAS SENT TO OUR OFFICE, ALONG WITH THE BOUQUET AND PHOTO
LATE LAST NIGHT, A POST WAS MADE ON OUR ONLINE FORUM AS WELL AS SEVERAL FAN SITES.

IT SAYS "YUI-CHAN WILL SOON BE MINE."
"MY BEAUTIFUL SCARLET BRIDE DYED IN BLOOD AND ROSES."
BLOOD!?
IS THAT A DEATH THREAT!?

I MEAN, PLEASE LET ME!
I'LL DO IT!
WE'RE CALLING OFF TOMORROW'S PERFOR--
THE DECISION WAS MADE AFTER TALKING IT OVER WITH THE PRESIDENT.
HUH? TSUBASA-KUN, WAIT!
THE SHOW IS DANGER-OUS DO NOT GO
TOMORROW NIGHT, BLOOD WILL FLOW.

AND THERE'S SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT THIS ASSAULT THAN USUAL.
You silly little thing
.....
PLEASE, TSU-BASA THINK WITH YOUR HEAD FOR ONCE
Sigh...
YOUR TALENT AGENCY... IS PRETTY SMALL, RIGHT?
HUH?
WELL... YES. WHAT OF IT?
WE'RE DEALING WITH A VERY SICK MAN
HE'S PROBABLY AT THE END OF HIS PATIENCE AFTER WE'VE KEPT YUI-CHAN IN HIDING FOR TEN DAYS.
AMANO-SAN
THEN WE CAN'T JUST GIVE UP ON THIS!
The damage will be too great!
.....!
IN ANY CASE...
THAT SHOULDN'T BE A CONCERN OF YOURS, TSUBASA-KUN!

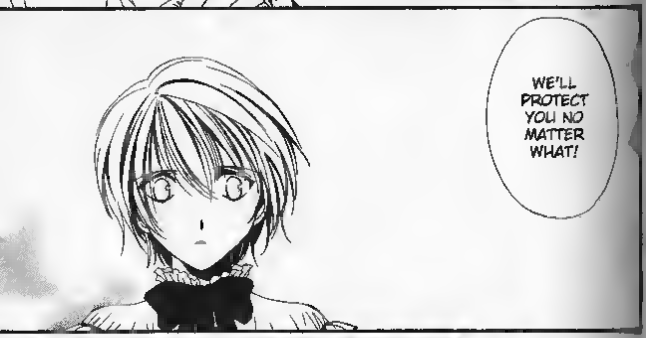
AND AFTER...
ALL THE SUPPORT EVERYONE'S GIVEN ME...
...I HAVE TO DO THIS, AMANO-SAN!
TSU-BASA-KUN.
.....
AMANO-SAN, YOU MEAN IT!?
ALL RIGHT THEN! WE'LL DO IT!
AND YOU SHOULD FOCUS ON FINDING THOSE PEOPLE!
...PEOPLE WHO WILL LIKE YOU!
I MAY JUST BE THE BODY DOUBLE...
AND I WANT TO DO WHATEVER I CAN TO MAKE THEM HAPPY!
...BUT THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE WHO ARE WAITING FOR ME.

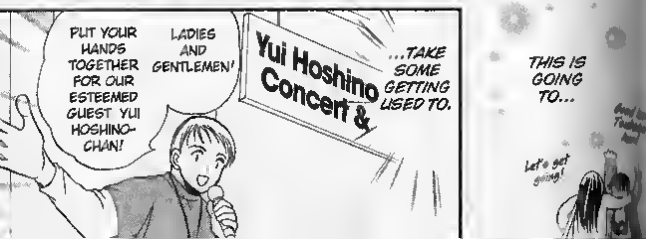
DON'T DO IT, TSUBASA-KUN!
YAMATO-KUN'S CARDS ARE FREAKISHLY ACCURATE!
I'M ASKING YOU, PLEASE!
THE CARDS I READ...
...WARN ME SO.
TSU-BASA...
LOOK, I'M SCARED ABOUT THIS STALK-ER...
...AS MUCH AS THE NEXT GUY.
BUT IF WE GIVE UP...
...THEN ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO CAME TO SEE THE SHOW WILL BE DEVASTATED!
THERE ARE ALWAYS...

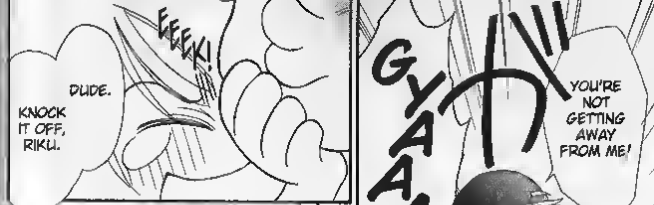
THUMP
Changing Room
Personnel Only
Nevermind! The chances to back out!
MAYBE I SHOULD'VE CALLED IT QUITS AFTER ALL!
WHAT IF I GET THE MOVES WRONG?
SPIN
SPIN
WHAT IF THEY FIND OUT I'M ACTUALLY A GUY!?
What if my wig falls off!?
HOW COULD I BE SO STUPID?
KNOCK KNOCK
Eek! I want my mommy!
NO, NO, NO, NO
TRMBL
KA-TCH!
Y-YES?
MY SWEET YUI-CHAN..
Yaibon

THANK YOU! OH, THANK YOU!
4F
PASS
EXCUSE ME, SIR
THIS IS A RESTRICTED AREA—
!?
THWACK
IDOL CITY

TOO CLOSE, BUDDY!
POW
Wah!
TSU-BASA!
IF ANY-THING HAPPENS, CALL FOR HELP. GOT IT?
NOW WHO'S TOO CLOSE...?
DON'T WORRY!
WE'LL BE WATCHING YOU FROM THE AUDIENCE!
RIKU-KUN...


WE'LL PROTECT YOU NO MATTER WHAT!


LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!
PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR OUR ESTEEMED GUEST YUI HOSHINO-CHAN!
Yui Hoshino Concert &
...TAKE SOME GETTING USED TO.
THIS IS GOING TO...
Let's get going!


EEEEK!
DUDE.
KNOCK IT OFF, RIKU.

RIKU!?
And...
KAGA-SEMPAI, IS THAT YOU!?
YO.

GYAAAAAAH!
It's the stalker!
YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY FROM ME!
GRAB!
Yoo-hoo!

Riku supplied most of the props.
AS THEY SAY, "WHERE BETTER TO HIDE A TREE THAN IN A FOREST?"
Heh heh heh...
Seems these disguises did the trick!
Oh, Tsubasa-kun, you're so cute!
WHAT'S WITH THE GHETTO DRESS-UP?
Are you here to do some broadcasting?
WELL, I GUESS THAT MAKES SENSE.
You take good video if they pay you now.

COULD IT BE..
AMAZING.
THE CROWD SEEMS EVEN MORE EXCITED THAN USUAL..
...HE'S A NATURAL AT THIS?
LURCH
HEY!
YUI-CHAN!
!?
YOU SHOULD BELONG TO ME!

NOW, I'D LIKE TO TAKE YOU ALL ON A MAGICAL AND MUSICAL JOURNEY WITH ME!
MEOW! ♡
YEAAAH!
Yui-chaaan!
Woo-hoo!
OKIDOKEY THEN! LET'S GO! ♡
HELLO, EVERYONE! THANK YOU FOR COMING OUT HERE.
...TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!!
Go, Yui-chan!
RIKU! YOU'RE EVEN MORE EXCITED THAN THE AUDIENCE!
KEEP YOUR HEAD!
TSUBASA'S INCREDIBLE!
HE'S GOT REAL STAGE PRESENCE!
So much energy!
WOOOOT!

KLATCH
WE'VE GOT THE WRONG GUY!
!!
SHOULDN'T WE TELL SOMEONE... ...THAT WE'RE IN HERE?
I WON'T TELL ANYONE
RAISE
COULD YOU AT LEAST TELL MY MANAGER?
BOOM
YOU'LL BE SAFE WITH ME, MISS.
A TATTOO ON HIS LEFT ARM!?
MURMUR
YOU ALL RIGHT. ...YUI-CHAN?
YUI-CHAN?
AMANO-SAN!
WHAT GIVES!? LEMME GO!
YUI-CHAN! YUI-CHAN!!
MURMUR

WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
I THOUGHT YOU LIKED ME!
OH, I DO I'M MADLY IN LOVE, YOU SEE
THAT'S WHY I HAVE TO MAKE SURE,
THAT NO ONE ELSE CAN EVER HAVE YOU
NO!
THAT'S NOT BEING "MADLY IN LOVE"! THAT'S JUST BEING MAD!
YOU ONLY LOVE YOURSELF!

NOW THAT I FINALLY HAVE YOU,
MY ONE AND ONLY BRIDE.
TSUBASA!!
DAMN IT!
WHY...?
TSUBASA-KUN!
ANSWER US!

?
mutter mutter mutter
OH, I GET IT NOW...
THIS IS ALL JUST A DREAM.
THE REAL YUI-CHAN WOULD NEVER YELL BACK AT ME.
YOU'RE A FAKE! AND NOW YOU HAVE TO DIE!
IF ANY-THING HAPPENS, CALL FOR HELP.
WE'LL PROTECT YOU NO MATTER WHAT!
HELP ME!!
YOU'RE SO STUPID, YOU CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE HOW MUCH IT HURTS...
...TO BE BETRAYED BY THE ONE YOU TRUST!
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW BADLY YOU'VE HURT YUI-CHAN!?
YOU BIG STUPID IDIOT!
IDIOT ...?
THAT'S RIGHT!

KAGA-SEMPAI!!
BAM
I DON'T BELIEVE IT...
YOU CAN'T STOP ME NOW!
!!
SLASH
SEMPAI?
LET GO OF ME!
DAMN, THAT SMARTS.
RIKU
HAVE AMANO-SAN CALL FOR AN AMBULANCE.
RIGHT!
I'M ON IT!
SEMPAI!?
HANG IN THERE!
DROOP
SEMPAI!!

ACK!
OH, IT HURTS! THE PAIN! THE PAIN!!
I'M SO SORRY!
UM
HOW'S YOUR ARM FEELING?
KAGA-SEMPAI?
You deserve some sleep
NICE WORK TODAY.
Why are you only nice to him?
What gives?
DORK.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE
STILL...
HOLD IT! HOLD IT!
I'M REALLY SORRY
ALL THAT MATTERS...
...IS THAT YOU'RE SAFE

WHEN I HEARD YOU'D FAINTED AFTER BEING WOUNDED BY THE STALKER...
...I CAME RUNNING TO CHECK ON YOU!
The nerve of some people!
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT? I'VE BARELY SLEPT A WINK THIS WHOLE WEEK!
ONLY TO FIND YOU NAPPING AT HOME...
...LIKE A BABY!
HEY! DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE I'M AN IDIOT!
It's thanks to me that we caught the stalker.
FINE
I SUPPOSE I SHOULD'VE EXPECTED THIS FROM YOU
AND CHECK IT OUT!
I GOT TEN STITCHES!
どんっ
TSUBASA-KUN?
COME HERE FOR A MINUTE
Y.
YES?
GOOD GRIEF.

I STILL CAN'T SMILE WELL.
HUH!?
How do you expect me to...
Don't you know a smile is an idol's very sustenance?
Siiigh...
TOO STIFF! DO IT AGAIN!
This is what an idol's smile looks like.
BUT MAYBE SOMEDAY...
...I'LL BE ABLE TO SMILE FROM THE HEART
GRIN
にっ
Model Example
...tough to me
Seems sorta...
Might as well play video games
WHY DIDN'T TSUBASA-KUN CALL MY NAME?
I'M SURE OF IT.

...WITH A SMILE.
YOU SHOULD BE SAYING "THANK YOU"—
TH...
THANK YOU.

MY LIPS ARE SO...
...GLOSSY...
...AND PLUMP! ♡
*SEE TRANSLATOR'S NOTES
SWOOON
YUI-CHAN, YOU'RE SO... GLOSSY AND PLUMP TODAY ♡
KASEIDO BRAND* INTRODUCES THE NEW COLOR FOR ITS SPRING LINEUP OF LIP GLOSS.
AA AHH
GLANCE
MEANING TSUBASA-KUN MUST ALSO BE... GLOSSY AND PLUMP ♡
MM...
CREEP CREEP CREEP CREEP

聖光学園アイドル組（クラス）！

Song 3. Don't Cry, Baby, Please Smile.

THROB
THROB
WHEN WILL YOU EVER LEARN!?
RIKU!!
IT LOOKS LIKE TODAY IS WINDING UP TO BE ANOTHER HECTIC DAY.
Major invasion of privacy
WHEN I SAW HIM...
I LASHED OUT WITHOUT THINKING.
TSUBASA, YOU DON'T NEED TO APOLOGIZE!
Riku's the dumbass here!
YOU CAN'T GO OUT WITH THAT FACE!
YOU STILL HAVE A COMMERCIAL SHOOT AND LIVE TAPING TO DO TODAY! MORON!
KAGA-KUN, I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF
I wanted the glossy and the plump
SORRY AGAIN ABOUT THAT!
I GUESS THEY SLIPPED OFF WHILE I WAS ASLEEP...
Don't forget they're your chastity belt
HAVE YOU BEEN SLEEPING WITH YOUR GLASSES ON LIKE I WARNED YOU?
PSST
OH!
PSST
PSST

LET ME FEEL YOUR GLOSSY AND PLUMP..
...LIPS AGAINST MI—
GYAAAAAH!
ばっちーん
SLAP
I'M TSUBASA NAGUMO..
...AND IT'S BEEN ONE MONTH SINCE I JOINED THE VIP CLASS AT SEIKO ACADEMY.

GLUK
AS FOR WHAT THE V CLASS IS...
IT'S THE NICK-NAME OF THE TALENT CLASS MADE UP OF THE MOST GIFTED STU-DENTS FROM EVERY GRADE.
UHH...
WHAT ARE YOU SO NERVOUS ABOUT?
It's just breakfast.
You've got to learn to chillax.
THESE GUYS ARE MEMBERS OF THE IDOL BOY BAND RINXS
THE STAR ACTORS OF THE V CLASS.
Everything's so high-class.
IT TOOK ME ABOUT A MONTH BEFORE I GOT USED TO EVERY-THING.
...THE MOMENT I ENTERED THIS SCHOOL, I WAS ASKED TO FILL IN FOR THE HIGHLY-ESTEEMED IDOL YUI HOSHINO AND GET THIS... SHE'S A GIRL.
WHILE I LIVED MOST OF MY LIFE COMPLETELY OBLIVIOUS TO THE WORLD OF SHOW BUSINESS...
THUS, I BECAME A MEMBER OF THE VIP CLASS (OF COURSE, ONLY A FEW PEOPLE KNOW WHAT I'M DOING HERE.)
HURRY UP AND GET USED TO IT, WOULD YOU?
C'MON, KAGA-KUN, GIVE HIM SOME TIME
IS IT REALLY ALL RIGHT?
WHAT?

I promise forever to love you, Yuuin...
WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T DO THAT!
What if never comes back?
PSST
PSST
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT!
NEXT TIME, I'LL JUST DRAW ON MY GLASSES WITH A MARKER!
Hmm, nice.
Especially not on-board!
BREAK-FAST IS SERVED.
INSIDE SEIKO ACADEMY'S V CLASS...
...FOOD WORTHY OF FIVE-STAR RESTAURANTS IS SERVED FOR EVERY MEAL!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
EAT UP!
...OH, R-RIGHT!

HARUNA-SEMPAI AND KAITO-SAN!
YOU KNOW HOW RUDE BEHAVIOR... IS PROHIBITED, REI-KUN.
UNDERSTAND!?
KAGA
IT'S TOO EARLY TO BE MAKING TROUBLE
I'M NOT GIVING HIM TROUBLE!
No good Haruna coming on my period
I'll shut him up for you.
IF REI-KUN'S GIVING YOU ANY TROUBLE, JUST TELL ME.
GOOD MORNING, TSUBASA-KUN.
TSU-BASA-KUN
I WAS THE ONE WHO—
THAT'S RIGHT! KAGA-SEMPAI DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG!

THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I MEAN.
FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME
TO BE EATING NEXT TO YOU?
I'M HARDLY ON THE SAME LEVEL AS...
ANYONE FROM RINXS
BAM
DON'T YOU EVER SAY THOSE WORDS AGAIN!

HARUNA-SEMPAI, I THOUGHT YOU—
—ROOMED WITH KAGA-SEMPAI.
ONLY WHEN HE FIRST STARTED SCHOOL.
WATCH IT, RIKU.
KAITO-KUN CAN BE PRETTY SCARY FIRST THING IN THE MORNING.
Enough to make your hair stand on end!
POP
CRACK
Haruna-san, Please
WHAT FOR?
NOW, I ROOM WITH KAITO.
IT'S MY DUTY TO KEEP AN EYE ON HIM.
BY THE WAY—
HUH!?
I SAW YOUR NEWEST COMMERCIAL
BUT NOT 'CUZ HE'S SICK OR ANYTHING
I SEE NOW.
He says having too many people around messes with his aura.
AS FOR YAMATO-KUN, HE ALWAYS HAS HIS FOOD DELIVERED TO HIS ROOM.
Abe!
RIKU!
YOU SEE, KAITO-KUN HERE WAS A LITTLE TROUBLE-MAKER AT FIRST.
YOU WORRY TOO MUCH, TSUBASA-KUN!
Sheesh, what a drag
BUT...
ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?
HEY, HARUNA-KUN.
?
IS KAITO-KUN UP YET?
WE ALL...
...CARE ABOUT YOU.

THINGS WILL WORK OUT FINE
WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK
YOU'RE WAY BETTER THAN THAT LIP♡SWEET TRIO WHO USED TO DO COMMERCIALS TOO I HAVEN'T SEEN THEM ON IN FOREVER
SPEAKING OF LIP♡SWEET .
NOW I'M FEELING EVEN MORE WOUND-UP AND NER-VOUS THAN BEFORE!
Wait a minute!
DON'T BELIEVE ANY TABLOIDS
..YOU MAY READ.
Man, if looks could kill...
SLAAARE
YOU'RE A NATURAL WHEN IT COMES TO SINGING.
Almost as good as the real Yu Hoshino.

Heh.
HARUNA-SEMPAI JUST GAVE ME PROPS!
What a good start to the day!
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU SMILING AGAIN
YOU WERE AMAZING
R-REALLY!?
GRIN
どきん THUMP
HUH?
YOU SANG THE JINGLE TOO, RIGHT?
I LOVED THAT SONG!
They're broadcasting it live
SO I KEEP WORRYING THAT I'LL FORGET THE WORDS!
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME APPEARING ON MUSIC FIRE
JUST MAKE UP THE LYRICS IF YOU FORGET!
AND DAZZLE THEM WITH A SMILE!
That's all it takes!
Should the KINGS vocalist really be recommending that?
WHAT!?
NO PROBLEM-O!
I'LL BE SINGING IT AGAIN AT TONIGHT'S MUSIC FIRE SHOW!
Together!
WE'LL BE THERE TOO, TSUBASA-KUN!
For a short stage performance!

*SEE TRANSLATOR'S NOTES
RIGHT
SORRY I ASKED
MY LIPS ARE SO...
...GLOSSY AND PLUMP! ♡
THE GREAT HARUNA-SAMA IS TALKING ABOUT ME AT THIS VERY MOMENT! I CAN FEEL IT! *
Haruna-sama
Oh, her form is too brilliant to look upon!
SOMEONE TURN OFF THAT DAMN TELEVISION!
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT!
GUH! SEEING YUI HOSHINO MAKES ME WANT TO LOSE MY BREAKFAST!
GRAB
REI-KUN, DO YOU MIND?
Eep!
Like two star-crossed lovers!
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD?
SEEMS OUR VERY OWN HARUNA AKAGI IS GETTIN' IT ON WITH THE SINGER OF LIP'SWEET, YU KODA!
TABLOIDS?
Sigh...
WELL, SHE SWEARS IT'S ALL TRUE!
DRRRRUMBLE
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU, WE'RE NOT DATING!?
WELL, FOR AN IDOL...
. BEING LOVED IS WHAT WE LIVE FOR.
World Media Studio
NOPE! GUESS AGAIN!
YOU OKAY, YU-CHAN?
IS IT A COLD? ALLERGIES?
ACHOO!
Waiting Room B
Lip's Sweet

SHUDDER
EVERY-THING ALL RIGHT?
TSU-BASA-KUN.
SHIVER
JR
YEAH, JUST GOT A SUDDEN CHILL.
THAT'S NOT GOOD.
YUI HOSHI-NO.
I'LL TEACH YOU ONCE AND FOR ALL
...WHAT IT REALLY MEANS TO SUFFER IN THE ENTER-TAINMENT WORLD!
HOLD CAMPAIGNS ON THE DESERTED SIDEWALKS OF SHUTTER STREETS*!
WE USED TO PASS OUT COPIES OF OUR CD ON THE STREET OURSELVES!
STAND ON TOP OF SOAP BOXES AND SING DAY AFTER DAY IN THE PELTING RAIN!
WE ARE NOTHING LIKE THOSE OTHER IDOLS WHO ONLY GET BY ON LUCK ALONE!
WE HAD TO CRAWL IN THE DIRT AND MUD FOR A SHOT AT FAME!

OH! ALMOST FORGOT!
THIS IS THE FEATURE-ARTICLE THAT USED TO COVER US
BUT STARTING NEXT MONTH, YUI HOSHINO-CHAN WILL BE TAKING IT OVER
An exclusive look at Yui Hoshino's personal loves!
English tea and incense do it for me!
UH, YU-CHAN?
JUST BECAUSE SHE'S POPULAR, SHE THINKS SHE CAN WALK ALL OVER US!
STOMP
EVERYWHERE I LOOK, I SEE YUI HOSHINO'S FACE!
YU-CHAN!?
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN, RUI?
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN HOW MUCH WE SUFFERED TO GET TO WHERE WE ARE NOW!?
YU-CHAN?
You're really starting to scare me!
RRRRRR
Eek!

I have—boobs?
TA-DA! ♡
THIS IS THE OUTFIT FOR YOUR NEWEST SONG!
NO NEED FOR PARANOIA, MY DEAR BOY!
I'm choosing these shoes from a modest color range.
Now I leave it to the pros.
WHAT IF THEY CAN TELL I'M A GUY?
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS A GOOD IDEA?
NA-KED— WHAT?
I had the pants specially produced one month in advance.
This thing's about embarrassing.
Ho-ho-ho...
IT'S LIKE THE NAKED SUIT YOU WEAR WITH CLOTHES!
A MIX OF INFLATABLE PADS, STATE-OF-THE-ART SILICON AND ARTIFICIAL SKIN BRINGS TO LIFE ALL YOUR WOMANLY CURVES!
I'M SO GLAD WE WENT WITH A NEW COLOR THIS TIME.
Though it went over our budget
We'll go with pink this time.
YOU'RE SIMPLY ADORABLE, TSUBASA-CHAN! ♡
Like an angel from heaven!
Hii!
UM
BY THE WAY, HOW'S YUI-CHAN FEELING THESE DAYS?
GOOD QUES-TION
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
It's so warm.
HERE.
DRINK UP.
This should do the trick.
I'M SORRY TO HEAR THAT.
It'll take some time before she's ready to hit the stage again
BUT SHE'S NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET.
HER CONDITION DOES SEEM TO HAVE STABILIZED.
KNOCK
KNOCK
AMANO-SAN..
IT'S MAKE-UP ARTIST NISHIDA, AND STYLIST KAKIZAKI! AT YOUR SERVICE!
Open up, Amano baby!
I'M THANK-FUL...
...FOR YOU TOO.
AND SHE'S PROUD.
SHE SAYS SHE'S BEEN WATCHING EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOUR PERFOR-MANCES

DON'T LOOK ANYTHING LESS THAN HAPPY!
YEP!
IT'S THANKS TO YOUR INDOMITABLE SPIRIT THAT WE ENJOY OUR WORK SO MUCH!
NOW DO YOU GET IT?
YOU SHOULD ACCEPT PEOPLE'S FAVORS EAGERLY!
HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF!
YOU GUYS...
NOW THEN, EVERYONE!
CLENCH
CONFIDENCE?

いやぁ SQUEEEAL! んっ
UM...
THANKS I GUESS.
Don't wait for me to start the party
AND WITH SOME STYLISH SPRING-THEMED MAKEUP...
...YOU'LL BE UNBEATABLE!
AND HAVE FAITH IN OUR WORK! ♡
KAKIZAKI-SAN NISHIDA-SAN
WE'LL BE THERE TO BACK UP YOUR VISUAL PRESENTATION..
...SO DON'T EVEN WORRY ABOUT BLOWING YOUR COVER!
AND ONE MORE THING!
GULP
JUST FOCUS ON YOUR PROGRAM!

ALL FOR TONIGHT'S LIVE PERFORMANCE
...AND ROADS AROUND THE TELEVISION STATION.
ALL OF RINXS' FANS ARE CLOGGING UP THE PARKING LOTS ..

Uh-oh, here come the nerves again!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?
I JUST HOPE I DON'T DESTROY EVERYTHING SHE WORKED SO HARD TO CREATE

DON'T BE SURPRISED IF YOU START MAKING HER JEALOUS.
IT'S THANKS TO YOU,... ...THAT HER POPULARITY'S GONE THROUGH THE ROOF!

RINXS MUST REALLY BE INCREDIBLE
NOT AS INCREDIBLE AS YUI-CHAN!
IT'S A GODSEsend SHE'S SOLD SO WELL FOR OUR TINY AGENCY

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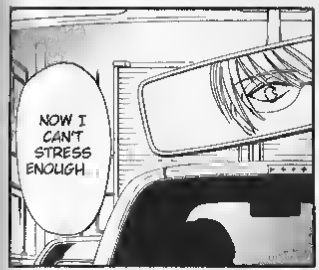
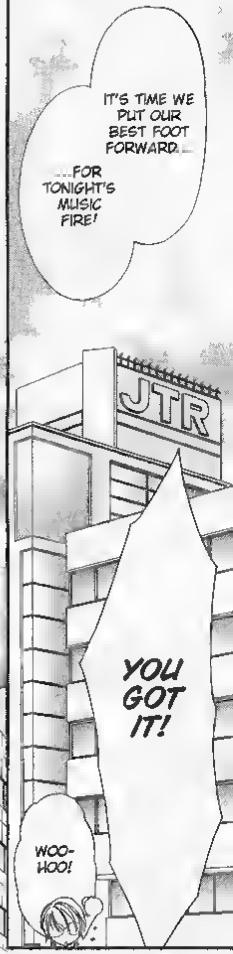
PLEASE
THAT COULD NEVER HAPPEN..


NOW I CAN'T STRESS ENOUGH...

GREET... EVERY-ONE... GOT IT!
...JUST HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO GREET EVERYONE POLITELY AT THE EVENT.
Forgetting to introduce yourself can bring on a world of trouble
My trusty notepad

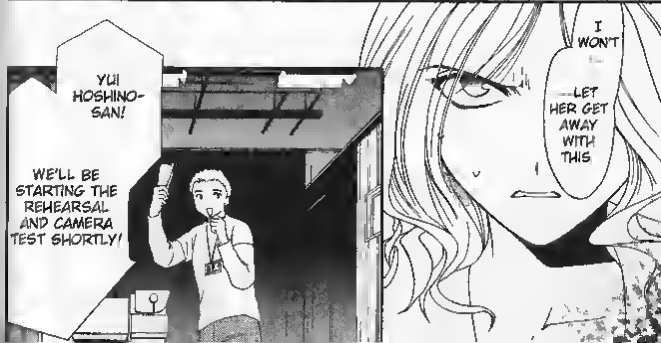
?
HUH IT SURE IS CON-GESTED
MUST BE RINXS TRAFFIC


IT'S TIME WE PUT OUR BEST FOOT FORWARD... ...FOR TONIGHT'S MUSIC FIRE!
JTR
YOU GOT IT!
WOO-HOO!

GULP!
O-OKAY!
HELLO, EVERYONE. I'M YUI HOSHINO!
AND I'D LIKE TO SING A SONG FOR YOU.
!?

IT'S YUI HOSHINO!
AND IS THAT JUN NISHIDA WITH HER!?
I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE'S WORKING WITH SUCH A HIGH-PROFILE PROFESSIONAL!
The famous makeup artist?
!!!
WHOA!
CHECK IT OUT!

YU-CHAN?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!
AND SHE GETS HER OWN CHANGING ROOM!?


YUI HOSHINO-SAN!
WE'LL BE STARTING THE REHEARSAL AND CAMERA TEST SHORTLY!
I WON'T LET HER GET AWAY WITH THIS

Due to Rinxs' schedule...
They'll be rehearsing last.
Be polite!
And say hello!
Haven't you ever heard of knowing your place?
BOW
Hello! I'm Yui Hoshino! Pleasure meeting you!
But I'm only--
...doesn't mean you're ALL THAT
Just because you got a lucky break...
...and have a professional makeup artist on your side...
Gasp!

I never knew Yui Hoshino was that talented a singer
Her voice is better than before, and she can really reach those high notes!
I heard she changed voice trainers, but this is something else!
It's like she jumped from cosplay-idol to professional!
All in just one year!
You said it!
Thank you all so very much!

AND I'M SURE YOU LADIES WILL APPRECIATE WHO I'LL INTRODUCE NEXT.
UH-OH MY KNEES ARE SHAKING!
WAA-HAAA!
LIP☆SWEET!
THE DIVAS OF MUSIC AND SPICE AND EVERYTHING NICE...
SQUEEEEA!
EEEEEEEK!
Haruna-kuuuun!
Kaga-kuuuun!
Riki-chaaaan!
THE CROWD WON'T LET UP
You're up next!
Hoshino-san!
WOW, RINXS REALLY IS POPULAR!
PERFORMING FOR YOU RIGHT HERE IN OUR STUDIO.
...WE HAVE THE MEMBERS OF RINXS!
Ryu!
Kairoo!
Haruna-kuuuun!
COMING!
Y-YES!
YUI HOSHINO-SAN!
AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, THE STAR OF THE HIT COMMERCIAL...
YOUR REHEARSAL TIME'S UP, LIP☆SWEET!
I CAN'T STAND LITTLE TWERPS LIKE YOU WHO PRETEND TO BE GOODY TWO-SHOES!
D'OH! I CAN'T TELL HER THE TRUTH!
WHAT IS IT?
IF YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SAY, THEN SPIT IT OUT!
YUI-CHAN?
COMING! ♡
UH.. NO.
SOMETHING THE MATTER?
She can sense something?
IT'S NOTHING.
MUSIC FIRE!
NOW, WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, I BRING YOU TONIGHT'S INSTALLMENT OF MUSIC FIRE!
LET'S CALL OUT OUR VERY SPECIAL GUESTS!
EEEEK!
Haruna

GYAAH!
AND BECAUSE IT COMES WITH A NATURAL HOT SPRING, WE SOMETIMES BATHE TOGETHER!
YEP, YEP!
Right, Haruna-kun?
BUT SOMEHOW I prefer to bathe alone.
RIKUU!!
Riku, you big meanie!
THE FANS WOULD RIP ME A NEW ONE IF THEY KNEW WHAT REALLY HAPPENED!
YOU ALL LIVE IN THE SAME SCHOOL DORM, CORRECT?
RIKUU!!
SQUEEEAL!!
SO I SMACKED HIM IN THE FACE!
THE GOOF SNUCK INTO MY BED THIS MORNING.
YOU'RE SO MEAN, KAGA-KUN!

ALL RIGHTY THEN!
ON TO THE RINXS SPECIAL PERFORMANCE!
THEY SEEM DIFFERENT FROM WHEN THEY'RE IN THE DORM.
LIKE THEY'RE WEARING MASKS FOR THE AUDIENCE.

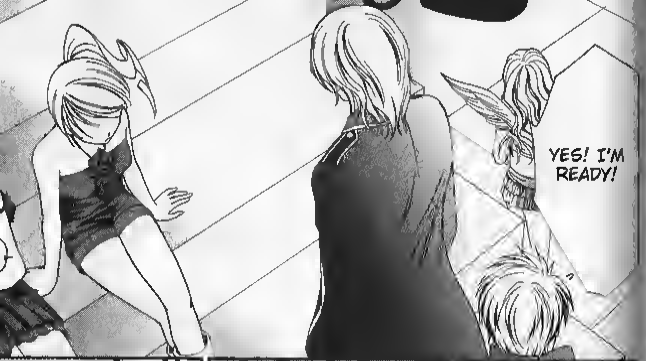
RINXS SPECIAL
TAKE IT AWAY!

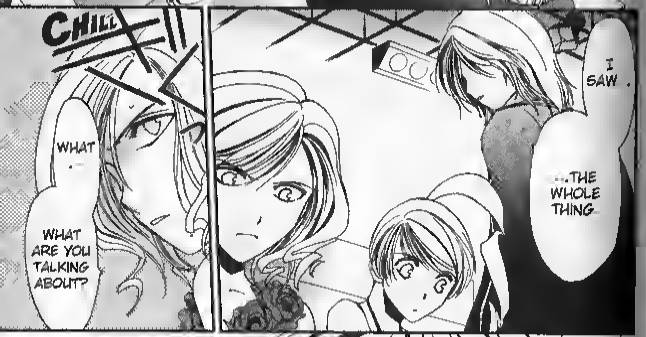
EVERY-ONE'S HERE!
YEAAAAAH!
Maybe when you're older, kid.
Why can't I look?
NOW, BEFORE WE BEGIN THE CONCERT—
LET'S TALK A BIT TO THE MEMBERS OF RINXS.
THERE'S HARUNA-SEMPAI!

I'm the culprit!
I SLAPPED HIM
KAGA-KUN, YOU DID THIS?
SQUEEEAL!!
GULP!
WHY IS YOUR CHEEK RED?
HUH? RIKU-KUN—
SQUEEEAL!!

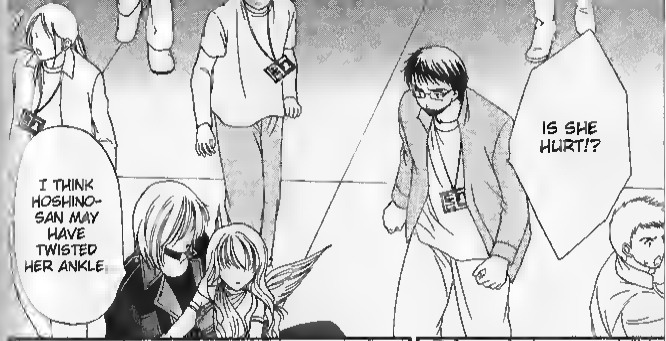
SHE IS RIGHT. I DON'T BELONG WITH THEM.
THROB
YUI HOSHINO-SAN! YOU'RE UP AFTER THE COMMERCIAL BREAK!
AFTER ALL, I'M A NOBODY.
HAVEN'T YOU EVER HEARD OF KNOWING YOUR PLACE?
YES, SIR!
COMING, SIR!
はい!
GET READY FOR STANDBY!
Excuse me, coming through
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!
INCREDIBLE!
I FEEL SO GUILTY...
...HAVING PEOPLE AS INCREDIBLE AS THEM COVER FOR ME.

THWUMP!
SHIT!
HARUNA-SEMPAI!?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT
-TSU-BASA-KUN?
!?
?
!!
HUH...?
Oops!
GRRPLE


YES! I'M READY!


CHILL
WHAT
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I SAW
...THE WHOLE THING.

UNDER-STAND?
IF ANYONE FOUND OUT...
...IT COULD SPELL THE END OF YOUR IDOL CAREER.


I THINK HOSHINO-SAN MAY HAVE TWISTED HER ANKLE.
IS SHE HURT!?

THIS IS NOTHING I HAVEN'T ALREADY HAD TO DO ON STAGE BEFORE.
Thanks again! ^_^
WHAT ABOUT YOU, AKAGI-KUN?

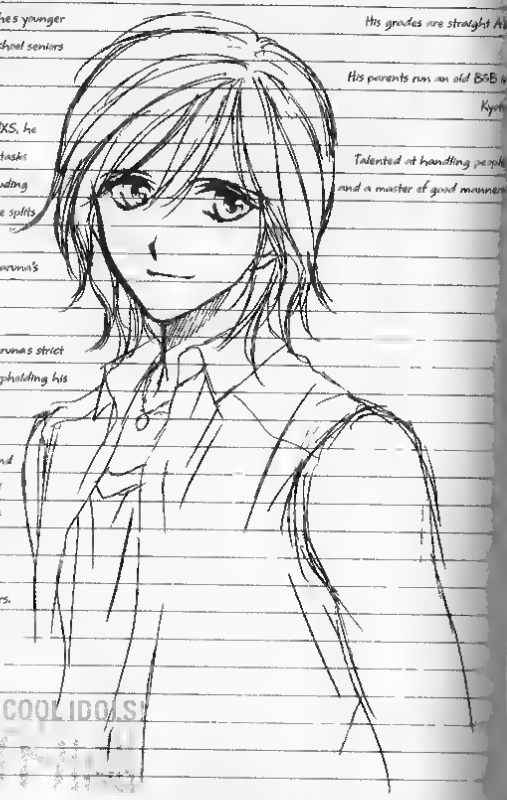
CAN YOU STILL SING?
YUI-CHAN, ARE YOU OKAY?
TEN SECONDS UNTIL CAMERA!

IT'D BE BEST IF WE TOOK HER TO A HOSPITAL.
NO!
NO, I'M ALL RIGHT! REALLY!

CHARACTER NOTES

No 3

[赤城榛名] *Haruna Akagi*



At the age of 17 he's younger than most high school seniors but still 5'11"

His grades are straight A's

His parents run an old B&B in Kyoto

A member of RINXS, he carries out various tasks for the group, including coaching them. He splits most of the fans with Reiji. (But Haruna's still #1.)

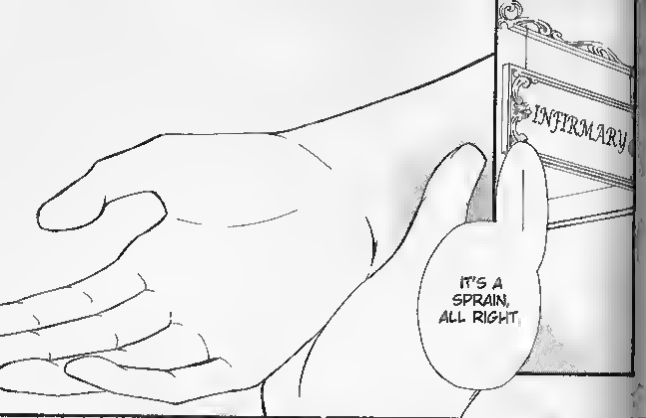
Talented at handling people and a master of good manners

Cool and calm. Haruna's strict when it comes to upholding his own virtues.

He really can't stand losing to Reiji and works hard without complaint. While stern with himself he's gentle on others.

DAYS OF COOL IDOLS!

[Author's Note] Haruna's face turned out softer and cuter than planned (and his hair's shorter.) He was actually supposed to have a funky western Japan accent! Someday I hope to write him with a funny accent

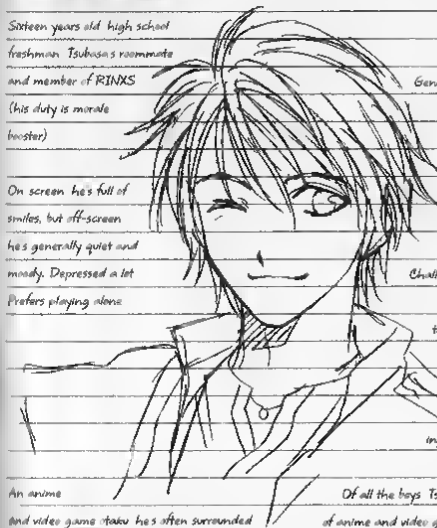


WHAT HAP-PENED?
That hurts, doc.
It's not like you'll be any clumsy.
I WAS JUST DOING SOME LIGHT EXERCISE
Please don't tell the others.

CHARACTER NOTES

No 4

[築城 陸] *Riku Tsuiki*



Sixteen years old high school freshman Tsubasa's roommate and member of RINXS (his duty is morale booster)

On screen he's full of smiles, but off-screen he's generally quiet and moody. Depressed a lot Prefers playing alone

An anime and video game otaku he's often surrounded by his games and figurines, so if he just wore glasses and crummy clothes, he'd be a Train Man* look-alike. Often wears disguises to attend Comiket* (Goes to take photos of cosplayers.)

Height 5'11" and still growing

Generally likes to eat and sleep a lot

Favorite food Hamburger

Can't do backflips

His half of the room looks like a tornado went through it

Challenges himself with stupid things like "How long can I go without talking?" or "How long can I play video games without sleeping?"

Believes strongly in fortune telling and takes fan letters to heart

Of all the boys Tsubasa is the most knowledgeable of anime and video games, so he gets along best with Riku. (In actuality, Tsubasa would kill time playing video games and surfing the net when he was out of school.)

Tears up at the slightest provocation

Gets nosebleeds looking at pictures of Tsubasa in drag

DAYS OF COOL IDOLS!

*SEE TRANSLATOR'S NOTES

[Author's Note] Meet Riku! He was supposed to be gloomy and wear glasses! (Maybe the current Riku does have a shadow of something dark inside of him still ^_^) His hair was originally longer and softer than it is now

RINXS
new single WILD*CHERRY
聖光学園
アイドル組!
Song 4. WILD*CHERRY

AND HE HASN'T EVEN MADE HIS DEBUT YET!
HE'S MAKING A MOCKERY OF THE SCHOOL!
BUT HE'S ALWAYS SHOWING UP LATE AND LEAVING EARLY
HE USED HIS PRIVILEGES TO SWITCH INTO THE NIGHT CLASSES...

HYUCK! HYUCK! HYUCK!
I WISH THE LITTLE SNOT FIGURED OUT HIS PLACE!
PLUS, THE RINXS GUYS ALL KISS HIS ASS FOR SOME REASON...
I JUST CAN'T FIGURE OUT HOW HE MADE IT INTO V CLASS TO BEGIN WITH!

YOU OKAY?
GYAAAAAAAAH!!
A g-g-ghost!
BONK
Tsubasa-kun!
YOWTCH!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S STRANGE!
AND WHERE'D YOU GET THAT NASTY BUMP?
Did Tsubasa really throw his alarm clock at you?
THE FOLLOWING DAY...
LOCKER ROOM
Waaah!
I'M SERIOUS.
TSUBASA-KUN HASN'T BEEN SLEEPING WELL EVER SINCE THAT MUSIC FIRE SHOW.
DON'T WASTE MY TIME WITH YOUR PARANOIA!
BUT, KAGA-KUN, THERE'S SOMETHING UP!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN TSUBASA'S ACTING STRANGE?

PSST
PSST
PSST
HAVEN'T YOU EVER HEARD OF...
...KNOWING YOUR PLACE?
OH, NO! I HAVE TO GET SOME SLEEP!
!?
SNUGGLE

OH, TSUBASA-KUN! ♡
SMOOCH
ENOUGH WITH THE DISAP-PEARING ACT!
Stay back!
KAGA-SEMPAI!? RIKU-KUN!?
ZOOM
SLIP
GOOD.
THAT SNAPPED HIM OUT OF IT
Huff! Huff!
W-WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME?
Everyone's watching
PSST
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I NEED TO ASK YOU!
GLOOMY
TSUBASAAAA!
AND I DON'T THINK IT'S JUST THE INJURY THAT'S HURTING HIM
HUH?
HAND ME YOUR SHOE.
Dang! HE'S NOT EVEN PAYING ATTEN-TION.
DODGE
ZOOM
HEY
My shoe!
WHOA!
HE DODGED IT!
And that was my super awesome pitch!
SALUTE
YES, SIR!
ON THE DOUBLE, RIKU!
TIME FOR PLAN B!
GRIP

SPLURT
PLEASE, NOT SO LOUD.
Nosebleed
N-N-N-NEKKID!?
YUI-CHAN WROTE THE SONG THAT GOES WITH IT AND FUSSED OVER EVERY DETAIL OF THE COSTUME
BUT THEN I HAD TO SUDDENLY TAKE OVER FOR HER.
PUT IT ALL TOGETHER WITH THE STYLIST'S TOUCH, AND YOU BECOME A WOMAN.
IT'S MADE UP OF ARTIFICIAL SKIN AND INFLATABLE SILICON PARTS
It was a real pain to take on and off! And I couldn't go to the bathroom with it on.
AWESOME!
I had no idea a woman's body was so high-tech!
THEN YOU JUST ADD THE CLOTHING AND WINGS FOR EFFECT.
HUH?
THE COSTUME SURVIVED YOUR NASTY FALL, RIGHT?
TSU-BASA-KUN!
Mm-hm.
Mm-hm
Nosebleed under control!
They'd have found you out, otherwise.
I GET IT NOW!
SO THAT'S WHAT YOU MEAN BY "NAKED SUIT."
YOU KNOW, THE SILKY ONE THAT MADE YOU INTO AN INSTANT C CLIP!
SAY WHAT?
TELL US ABOUT THAT SKANKY AND SEXY COSTUME YOU WORE THE OTHER DAY!
I JUST WANTED TO RUB MY FACE ALL OVER IT!
THOSE PLUMP LITTLE ASS CHEEKS AND SEXY THIGHS!
IT LOOKED LIKE A REAL WOMAN'S BODY!
THAT WAS MY NAKED SUIT I WEAR WITH CLOTHES
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING A HEALTHY TEENAGE BOY HAS ON HIS MIND!
Of course not!
YOU'RE NOT EVEN GOING TO ASK ABOUT THE WING ACCESSO-RIES, ARE YOU?

TSU-BASA?
I SHOULD'VE BEEN WATCHING MY STEP
IT WAS PROBABLY JUST AN ACCIDENT
BUT TSU-BASA-KUN..
AND WE CAN'T FILE A COM-PLAINT.
I DON'T WANT THEM HOLDING ANY HARD FEELINGS AGAINST YUI-CHAN WHEN SHE GETS BACK.
I ALREADY RUINED THE COSTUME YUI-CHAN WORKED SO HARD TO DESIGN!
I DON'T WANT TO MAKE THINGS ANY HARDER FOR HER..
BUT...
WHAT ABOUT YOU?

ACTUALLY, IT GOT A LITTLE MESSED UP.
WHAAAT!?
CAN'T THEY JUST SWITCH OUT THE WINGS?
THEY'RE TIED ON PRETTY INTRICATE-LY
..SO IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO SWAP PARTS OUT.
THANKFULLY, IT MADE IT THROUGH THE TAPING, BUT...
.. ONCE I TOOK IT OFF, THE WINGS WERE HANGING BY A THREAD.
But I'm burned out!
Don't you have anything else to say!?
I KNOW JUST...
WHOSE FAULT THIS IS.
KAGA-KUN?
HARUNA TOLD ME THE WHOLE THING
ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF LIP♡SWEET STUCK OUT HER FOOT TO TRIP YOU.
WE SHOULD FILE A COMPLAINT TO THEIR AGENCY!
NO.

HUH?
WAIT!
I SEE.
SORRY I ASKED.
WE'RE NOT OF THE SAME SOCIAL CLASS!
WHAT I MEANT WAS—
I DIDN'T MEAN THAT! I JUST...
BLUSH
PLEASE DON'T. .
—BE SO NICE TO ME.
DON'T...
...TALK SO KINDLY TO ME.
THE TEACHER'S BACK, GUYS
CRAP!
HEY, WHY AREN'T YOU CHANGED YET?
I'M SITTING OUT TODAY ♡
NO FAIR!
C'MON, RIKU! LET'S MOVE IT!
HARUNA-SEMPAI?
I JUST WANTED TO SPEAK WITH YOU FOR A
NO, NOT AT ALL!
When you caught me
HARUNA-SEMPAI, DID YOU GET HURT DURING MY FALL?
NO!
YOU CAN'T!
GASP!
MIND IF I SIT NEXT TO YOU?

BONK
Oof!
Kaga-kun...
LISTEN TO ME, TSUBASA-KUN.
KAGA-KUN! INCOM-ING!
He's got his hands all over Tsubasa.
WHAT'S THAT HARUNA UP TO THIS TIME?
YOU CAN TALK TO US WHEN YOU NEED A LISTENING EAR.
...DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN'T BE YOURSELF ANYMORE
JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE FILLING IN YUI-CHAN'S PLACE...
GRIN
LET'S BOTH DO OUR BEST!
WE'LL BE TOGETHER AGAIN FOR THE NEXT MUSIC FIRE SHOW.
HARUNA-SEMPAI
I'M SO MAD, I COULD KILL!
GRRRR!
Celebrity Productions
Brilliant Pic
O-OKAY!

SEMPAI?
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS SOCIAL CLASS BETWEEN US
AND IT'S NO ONE ELSE'S BUSINESS TO TELL YOU OTHER-WISE.
IT ONLY MAKES IT HARDER TO—
DON'T BE AFRAID

Eep!
Always so far off.
KAEDE-CHAN! WHAT TOOK YOU?
SORRY, I WAS BUSY LISTENING IN ON A HOT YUI HOSHINO RUMOR. ♡
You'll have to forgive me when I tell you!
BUT THE SHOW'S IN TWO DAYS
...AND WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO WEAR YET!
SORRY I'M LATE!
RRRTTLE
Remember the angel-like one?
REMEMBER WHEN SHE FELL OFF THE STAGE?
WELL, THE COSTUME SHE WAS WEARING GOT BUSTED!
RUI!
IT'S THE ONLY THING SHE HAS TO WEAR FOR THE SHOW!
AND SHE ONLY HAS ONE EXTRA FOR IT.
YU-CHAN, WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU!?
CALL THE STYLIST! I KNOW WHAT WE'RE WEARING FOR THE SHOW!

CAN'T YOU SHUT UP FOR ONE MINUTE, YUI HOSHINO!?
BASH
MY LIPS ARE SO...
...GLOSSY AND PLUMP! ♡
HATE LETTERS!?
AND SHE WROTE THEM ALL BY HAND!?
I NEVER KNEW YUI-CHAN WAS SO OLD-FASHIONED
THEY SAY WRITING IT BY HAND STRENGTHENS THE GRUDGE
Just like Yu-chan wants.
HUH?!
Psst
Psst
WHAT'S UP WITH YU-CHAN? SHE'S SO TENSE
SHE GOT ARTHRITIS AFTER WRITING 100 PIECES OF HATE MAIL TO YUI HOSHINO-CHAN
I think she really busted the TV
It's an old one, don't worry
AFTER WHAT HARUNA-SAMA SAID TO ME, I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO MAKE A MOVE ON HIM AGAIN!
GUUUH! SOMEBODY GET ME A GUN!
NO
I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT.
Hurry up!
YU-CHAN, WE SHOULD PICK OUR COSTUMES OUT

...FOR YOUR COSTUME?
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, USING OUR COLOR...
THE SAME PINK COLOR!?
Performers Changing Room #4
Yui Hoshino
HUH?
THIS IS DREADFUL!

THANKS FOR THE GOOD NEWS...
KAEDE
SMIRK

NOW I CAN GIVE HER A REAL RUN FOR HER MONEY
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HEY! YOU THERE!
...re and start it wear in front of the cameras... check.
YOU'RE UP NEXT FOR THE CAMERA TEST.
STARTLE
I'LL BE THERE SOON!
HOSHI-NO-SAN!

KAKI-ZAKI-SAN
GET ME THE BLUE OUTFIT WE USED FOR LAST YEAR.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
THAT'S RIDICU-LOUS!
BUT THIS OUTFIT HAS TO BE WORN FOR THIS SONG!
I..
I WANT TO SING IN THIS OUTFIT!
ROGER THAT
THIS OUTFIT HAS TO BE USED FOR THIS SONG!
YUI-CHAN SAID SO!
TSU-BASA-KUN?
WAIT! PLEASE!
THEN WEAR IT AND SING YOUR HEART OUT!
AND TODAY'S SHOW IS A SPECIAL, SO YUI-CHAN WILL DEFINITELY BE WATCHING!
THIS IS THE ONLY ONE W CAN USE!

WHEN THIS HAPPENS, USUALLY THE YOUNGER YIELDS TO HER SUPERIOR.
IT'S AN UNSPOKEN RULE.
YIELD?
THE YOUNGER SINGER HAS TO WEAR AN OUTFIT OF A DIFFERENT COLOR.
AND THAT MEANS—
...YOU CAN'T WEAR THAT OUTFIT FOR TODAY!
IT'S TABOO FOR TWO ACTS...
...TO WEAR THE SAME COLORED OUTFIT IN THE SAME SHOW!

YOU WANT TO WEAR IT DURING YOUR SONG, RIGHT?
FOR YUI-CHAN
THE BEST DAMN PERFORMANCE OF YOUR LIFE!
SO YOU CAN FOCUS ON DELIVERING...
Capiche?
And no interfering Amano-san!
JABI
BUT SEMPAI..
TSU-BASA-KUN!
DON'T SWEAT IT.
WE'RE MASTERS OF DISGUISE AND COVERT OPERATIONS.
YOU SURE IT'S A GOOD IDEA FOR YOU TO COME INTO YUI-CHAN'S DRESSING ROOM LIKE THIS?
It could start rumors.
So cute!
No one saw us.
DON'T WORRY, AMANO-SAN.
THAT'S ALL YOU CAN DO, RIGHT?
S-S-SEMPAI!?
RIKU-KUN!?
When did you get here? How much did you overhear!?
GRAB わしっ
IN ANY CASE!
YOU JUST LEAVE THE COSTUME MATTER TO US!
THERE'S JUST ONE JOB YOU HAVE TO DO
TSU-BASA-KUN
Heh heh
RIKU-KUN..!
Disguise~
KLATCH
IT'S TIME!
LET'S HIT THE ROAD!
Kuya!
AND THAT'S BELIEVING IN US.

OH, YEAH?
SO WHAT?
AND BY THE WAY...
REI-KUN, COOL IT!
IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT TO SAY!?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO—
KODA-SAN, PLEASE UNDER-STAND.
OUR COMPANY PRESIDENT AND HERS HAPPEN TO BE BFF, PAL!
Not that anyone else would change my mind!
WHAT ARE YOU? HOSHINO-SAN'S GUARD DOGS NOW?
...I'LL APOLOGIZE IN FRONT OF THE CAMERA IF I HAVE TO!
Perfumes Change of Heart
LIP ♥ SWEET

PLEASE, STOP!
The cloth is too delicate
BUT...
IT'D HAVE TO BE SOMETHING LIGHT.
IF YOU PUT SOMETHING ON TO HIDE IT
...THEN IT'S THE SAME AS WEARING A DIFFERENT OUTFIT!
SHUTTON
SEMPAI!
MAYBE IF WE COULD...
...ADD DIFFERENT COLORED ACCESSO-RIES TO THE OUTFIT
Like a scrunchie or pearls.
JUST LISTEN TO ME FOR ONCE
AMANO-SAN KAKIZAKI-SAN
TSU-BASA-KUN!
SO...
IF THINGS TAKE A TURN FOR THE WORSE...
CLENCH
AND I WANT TO...
...UPHOLD THEIR FEELINGS AS WELL AS YUI-CHAN'S.
I HAVE FAITH IN RINXS

WHAT!?
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS KISS ME, HARUNA-KUN
KISS ME..
AND TELL THE MEDIA THAT WE'RE GOING STEADY.
IT'S THAT, OR..
I'LL HAVE YUI HOSHINO BOW BEFORE ME ON STAGE
WELL?
WHICH WILL IT BE?
...OR DYE IT A DIFFERENT COLOR!
SHE'LL JUST HAVE TO GET ANOTHER OUTFIT.
WE HAD OUR OUTFITS SPECIALLY MADE JUST FOR TODAY!
WON'T YOU LET IT GO AND LET HER WEAR HER OUTFIT?
ABSOLUTELY NOT!
UNLIKE YOUR AGENCY, HOSHINO-SAN COMES FROM A VERY SMALL COMPANY
THEY HAVE A LIMITED BUDGET AND FUNDS
AND YOU KNOW
SHE DOESN'T GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR ON BIG SHOWS LIKE YOU DO EVERY DAY
WHAT-EVER ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU MEAN
...YOU DID THIS ON PUR-POSE?
STEP
...IF YOU'RE GOING TO BEG, I GUESS I COULD MAKE AN EXCEPTION
FOR A PRICE.
AL-THOUGH

GASP!
IF IT REALLY COMES DOWN TO IT...
I TOLD THEM I TRUSTED THEM...
AND YET HERE I AM SECOND-GUESSING THEM!
I'M SUCH A LOSER.
KNOCK KNOCK
HOW WILL I EVER APOLOGIZE?
KLATCH
Y...
YES?
IS THAT THEM!?

NOW THAT IT'S SETTLED...
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TALKING TO THE MANAGER!
THERE YOU ARE!
KAGA-KUN! HARUNA-KUN!
はぁ
HAAH
THAT WAS ONE OF THE HARDEST THINGS I'VE EVER DONE.
GRIN
NOTHING, MY DEAR
AND THANKS, RIKU.
HARUNA-KUN?
Performers Changing Room N
Yui Hoshino
Play it no more!
For a second there, I thought I was seeing his evil twin.
TMP
すたすたす

DID YOU BELIEVE IN US?
RIGHT UP TO THE END!
I WILL BELIEVE IN THEM!
TSU-BASA-KUN.
AND THAT'S BELIEVING IN US.
HARUNA'S RIGHT.
わあああっ
WAAAh!
AM I...
...REALLY GOING TO MESS THINGS UP?
It's dark here, so watch your step.
TSUBASA-KUN...
THERE'S JUST ONE JOB YOU HAVE TO DO.
WHAT DO I DO?
THANKS!
WE'RE READY TO PUT YOU ON STANDBY, HOSHINO-SAN
WRONG ONE.

INCRED-IBLE!
EVERYONE'S IN THE SAME COLOR!
WE'VE HAD EACH AND EVERY ONE OF OUR GUESTS...
..DRESS IN PINK, JUST LIKE THE FLOWER, FOR TONIGHT'S SHOW!
It had us running like chickens with our heads cut off!
...
CHIYODA FROM THE RINXS' AGENCY ...MADE THE CALL
THIS CAN'T BE REAL!
YU-CHAN
PSST
DON'T CRY.
MUSIC FIRE!! SPECIAL
WELCOME TO THE MUSIC FIRE...
...CHERRY BLOSSOM NIGHT SPECIAL!

EVERYONE!
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS.
JUST LOOK STRAIGHT AHEAD...
...AND SMILE
AREN'T YOU GLAD IT WORKED OUT?
YES!
THANK YOU!

CHARACTER NOTES

No 5

[姫岡大和] *Yamato Himeoka*

17 years old and in his second year of high school. He's a member of RINXS. His job is taking care of mysterious phenomena. He's actually a bit of a narcissist.

Normally sports glasses (during school).

Very skilled at fortune-telling and has a strong sixth sense.

Often murmurs to himself over a deck of tarot cards.

Hobbies include collecting tarot cards and other occult goods.

Rarely talks about himself.

His peculiar speech and behavior has his fans and the media calling him the oddball. However, that's all part of his plan.

Hair is toned and inked to convey dark shades.

Total height 5'10"

His random insinuations can throw everyone off around him.

Eats alone in his room.

Comes from a wealthy family that owns a large fish tank (official aquarium-sized) where he keeps his pet dolphins.

His greatest weakness is drawing. He can come up with 8 the scariest stuff.

Leaves his shirt very unbuttoned.

Always walks around with a mirror on hand.

DAYS OF COOL IDOLS!

[Author's Note] Why would he carry a mirror around? Maybe to fix his bangs or calm his nerves.

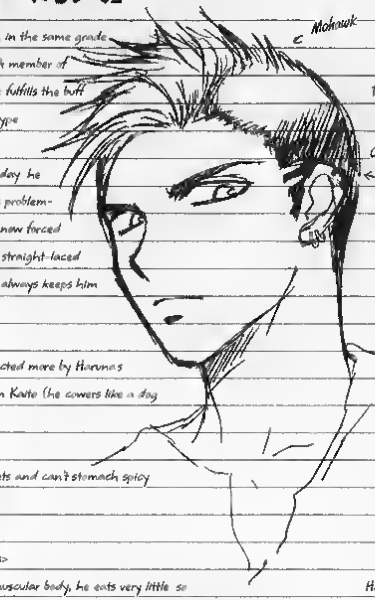
BUT THEIR COMPANY PRESIDENTS ARE GOOD FRIENDS
THAT MUST BE WHY..
STILL...
NOT ONLY DID THEY IGNORE MY DEMAND...
.. BUT THEN THEY PULLED THIS!
ALL FOR THAT LITTLE TRAMP YUI HOSHINO.
I CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON.
--BETWEEN RINXS AND YUI HOSHINO.

AND MORE AND MORE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR YUI-CHAN.
KAH-CLICK
BEEP
IT'S BEEN ONE MONTH SINCE THE COSTUME FIASCO AT MUSIC FIRE
WONDERFUL, DARLING! LOVE THE ENERGY!
YOU'RE PERFECT, YUI-CHAN! ♡
KAH-CLICK
AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, I'VE BEEN BEYOND BUSY AS HER STAND-IN.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

CHARACTER NOTES

No. 6

[橘　海人] *Kaito Tachibana*



17 years old, in the same grade as Yamato. A member of RINXS who fulfills the buff and manly type.

Back in the day, he was a serious problem-child so he's now forced to room with straight-laced Haruna who always keeps him in check.

He's affected more by Haruna's scolding than Kaito (he cowers like a dog from it).

He likes sweets and can't stomach spicy foods.

<Weaknesses>

For such a muscular body, he eats very little so his stomach is sensitive. Eating meat makes him wake up in the middle of the night with pain. (Haruna's always there with his stomach medicine, however, so Kaito's even more smitten with him.)

Height: 6'3" Huge!!

The contrast between his rough exterior and gentle demeanor is striking.

Only has shaved strips on his left temple.

He tries desperately to maintain his bad boy image.

Feels his parents dote on him too much.

Won top rank as "most likely to win a fight" on a survey but actually hates fighting. (He's so weak.)

Hobbies include surfing but he can't even swim.

Hates the fact that Reiji is best friends with Haruna.

[Author's Note] *I don't like the idea of Kaito actually being weak in a fight. And his stomach is sensitive? What was I thinking!?*

DAYS OF COOL IDOLS!

聖光学園
アイドル組(クラス)!
Days of Cool Idols
Song 5. Angel Wing

SEE YOU IN A FEW DAYS, TSUBASA-KUN!
...HELPS TO KEEP ME GOING.
BUT JUST KNOWING THAT EVERYONE'S ROOTING FOR ME...
PRIVATE SEIKO ACADEMY STUDENT DORMS
GASP!
SCUFF
MAKE SURE YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR DAY OFF TOMORROW
YOU'VE EARNED IT!
THANKS AGAIN
AMANO-SAN!
NO!
LET GO!
!?

ARCHIVES
WHY...?
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
YOU SPOILED BRAT!
FROM THE MOMENT YOU JOINED THIS SCHOOL, YOU'VE BEEN OUT PARTYING UNTIL LATE!
NOT TO MENTION YOU'RE ALWAYS SLEEPING IN AND SHOWING UP LATE FOR CLASS!
I'VE LOST TRACK OF HOW MANY TIMES YOU'VE BEEN ABSENT!
THEN YOU KEEP CHANGING YOUR SCHOOL SCHEDULE.
WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS SCHOOL IS? A JOKE?
NO! IT'S NOT LIKE THAT AT ALL!
OH? COULD'VE FOOLED ME
YOU'RE AWFULLY SNOOTY FOR A NEWB WHO HASN'T EVEN MADE HIS DEBUT YET!
WAIT! LISTEN TO ME!
I CAN EX-PLAIN!
GASP!
YOU MUST NEVER TELL A SOUL ABOUT BEING A BODY DOUBLE.
IF THE INVESTORS OF YUI HOSHINO'S IDOL FUND EVER FOUND OUT...
...WE'D BE IN REAL TROUBLE!
CLICK
THAT'S WHY YOU MUSTN'T TELL YOUR FAMILY OR CLASSMATES. NO MATTER WHAT!
!?
WE'RE GONNA CUT UP YOUR FACE SO YOU NEVER GET THE CHANCE TO DEBUT!

SOMEONE HOLD HIM DOWN
NO! STOP IT!
BAM
HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!?
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS!?
DO YOU HONESTLY THINK YOU'LL GET AWAY WITH THIS!?
SHIT! A TEACHER!
WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A LITTLE TALK.
MY OFFICE! NOW!!
TSUBASA-KUN!
THANK GOODNESS WE MADE IT IN TIME!
RIKU-KUN?
HARUNA-SEMPAI?
Oh, Tsubasa-kun! Thank God!
WHY ARE YOU GUYS HERE?
TAKASAKI-KUN TOLD US-
HUH?
NAGISA TAKASAKI. HE'S ALSO IN THE V CLASS.
Tsubasa-kuuun!

You're hurting me...
THAT'S A PRETTY TALL ORDER.
FROM NOW ON, YOU ARE NEVER TO WALK AROUND THE DORMS ON YOUR OWN!
GOT IT!?
WHOA!
DON'T EVEN GO THERE!
THEN NO ONE WOULD COMPLAIN AGAIN!
I THINK YOU'RE THE BIGGEST DANGER HERE, RIKU.
We can't let that happen!
IF WORD GOT OUT, YUI-CHAN'S FANS WOULD BE AFTER HIM LIKE A PACK OF WOLVES!
IT'D BE EVEN MORE DANGEROUS THAN BEFORE!
HARUNA-KUN, HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT!?
THOSE FOOLS HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH SLEEP YOU SACRIFICE FOR YOUR WORK
IF ONLY...
...THEY KNEW.

HE HAPPENED TO WITNESS...
...THOSE CREEPS JUMPING YOU.
THAT'S WHEN HE INFORMED US.
THE NERVE OF SOME PEOPLE!
MAKES ME SICK TO MY STOMACH!
KAGA-KUN, THAT HURT!
How dare you strike an idol in the he--!?
TSU-BASA!
HANDS OFF, DIP-SHIT!
Home Touches Teubase.
BONK
I'M JUST GLAD YOU'RE SAFE AND SOUND NOW!
GYAAAH!
GLOMP

Maid Café
PEACH
WELCOME HOME...
...MASTER!
I'M BACK, LADIES!
EXCUSE US? TWO OF THE USUAL, PLEASE!
HUH?
UH, KINDA
SO THIS IS ONE OF THOSE MAID CAFÉS I'VE HEARD ABOUT!
Wow!ers...
TSUBASA-KUN, YOU HUNGRY?
TOMOR-ROW'S YOUR DAY OFF, SO...
...LET'S GO OUT AND HAVE SOME FUN!
VIDEO
COMPUTER
Sound Ten
Presents
むにゅ
PINCH
DON'T LET IT GET TO YOU.
THANKS, HARUNA-SEMPAI.
YOU HAVE NO NEED TO WORRY YOURSELF.
NOW THAT THEY HAVE THE TEACHERS' ATTENTION, YOU'LL BE SAFE.
YEAH, TSUBASA-KUN! CHEER UP!
HEY, I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
WE'RE ALWAYS WATCH-ING OUT FOR YOU...
...SO DON'T WORRY.
KAGA-SEM-PAI...
AND BOY, ARE YOUR CHEEKS AS SOFT AS EVER!
GIVE 'EM A PULL, HARUNA!
Hya!
Hya!
Hya!
むにゅ
TSU-BASA-KUN.

I SEE
OOOOOH
I CAN HANDLE GIRLS IN COSTUME AND IDOLS, NO PROBLEM!
IT'S THE BEST!
AND I CAN TALK TO THE GIRLS HERE ABOUT THE HOTTEST ANIME AND VOICE ACTORS
BY THE WAY, RIKU-KUN—
ATTENTION, PATRONS!
OH, THAT.
DIDN'T YOU TELL ME YOU WERE UNCOMFORTABLE AROUND WOMEN?
THE REPORTERS ARE HERE TO MEET SOME OF YOU!
OMIGOD!
NO PROBLEM-O, MY MAIN MAN!
AND WE'RE SAFE HERE, RIKU-KUN?
They might find out who you are.
THEY ANNOUNCED IT ON THE CHALKBOARD...
...RIGHT OUTSIDE.
HUH?
Cutie omelets are so yummy!
萌え CUTE
ONE CUTIE HONEY ICE CREAM FLOAT!
AND ONE CUTIE-CUTIE RICE OMELET!
TA-DA
PLEASE, EAT UP.
MASTER!
STAAARE
Looks like an ordinary rice omelet to me. But I never knew ketchup could be used this way
CUTIE?
TWINKLE
NO ONE HAS ANY CLUE WHO HE ACTUALLY IS.
The rival Riku
Riku-kuuun!
Squeal!
I CAN REALLY RELAX IN THIS PLACE.
It's a little unsettling.
WOW, RIKU-KUN'S PRETTY GOOD AT DISGUISES.
Welcome back!
Master

WHIP
GO ON THEIR SHOW, NAGUMO-KUN!
TA...
TAKASAKI-KUN!?
What's with the cap?
Yes, that's right
WOULD YOU LIKE TO APPEAR ON IT?
PLEEEASE?
SAY WHAT!?
Whoa...
S-SORRY, BUT NO THANKS.
I COULD NEV-ER
YOU CAN'T TURN THEM DOWN!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHY I'M HERE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE GOT A MAID FETISH LIKE ME!
Seems we've got similar taste in women!
EXCUSE ME, MISS REPORTER?
HUH?
BUT...
How can he tell it wasn't a matter?
SHUFFLE SHUFFLE
YOU HAVE TO MAKE A DEBUT!
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO PROVE YOUR CLASSMATES WRONG!

YOU THERE!
TAKE OFF YOUR GLASSES FOR A SEC!
AND...?
WE'D LOVE FOR YOU TO BE ON OUR SHOW!
I'M WITH THE HIP TELEVISION SHOW "TOKYO TRENDS"!
WE'RE ON THE SEARCH FOR UNSUSPECTING HOTTIES AROUND TOWN!
CLENCH
UH... WHAT FOR?
I can't see without them.
??

I INTRODUCE TO YOU TSUBASA NAGUMO-KUN!
HE'S A FRESHMAN AT THE PRESTIGIOUS SEIKO ACADEMY! ♡
NO WAY!
ISN'T THAT SPILLING A LITTLE TOO MUCH?
TAKASAKI-KUN TOLD THEM EVERYTHING!
You have no idea.
Even his phone number!
THIS LADY'S GOT GOOD SENSE...
...TO PICK OUT TSUBASA-KUN AT FIRST SIGHT!
She's a hottie-hunter after the principal's slim heart.
HE KEPT INSISTING IT'D SHUT UP THOSE CLASSMATES IF HE GOT ON TELEVISION
TSU-BASA
AND BEFORE TSUBASA-KUN KNEW IT, HE WAS IN FRONT OF A CAMERA!
I NEVER KNEW YOU WERE SO CLOSE TO TAKASAKI.
AND LOOK!
THEY EVEN MENTIONED THE SCHOOL HE ATTENDS!
You always look at the bright side of things...
WELCOME TO THE SIX O'CLOCK SHOW TOKYO TRENDS!
AS ALWAYS, OUR TEAM OF EXPERTS PROWLED THE TOWN IN SEARCH OF HIDDEN HOTTIES FOR YOU LUCKY LADIES!
▶PLAY
SAY HELLO TO TODAY'S CATCH!
TODAY WE TAKE YOU TO AKIHABARA*: OTAKU MECCA OF THE WORLD!
WHERE A LOVELY LITTLE HOTTIE FELL RIGHT INTO OUR LAPS! ♪
HE'D LIKE TO TAKE YOU UP ON YOUR OFFER!
WHAT-WHAT-WHAAAT!?

*SEE TRANSLATOR'S NOTES

ACTUALLY, YESTERDAY WAS THE FIRST TIME WE EVEN SPOKE.
IS THAT SO?
SPEAKING OF WHICH... HAS TAKASAKI ALREADY DEBUTED?
YEAH, SOME TIME AGO.
BUT HE HASN'T HAD ANY GIGS LATELY.
TSUBASA-KUN?
SOMETHING THE MATTER?
YOU DON'T THINK HE'S FOUND OUT I'M ACTUALLY PLAYING AS YUI-CHAN, DO YOU?
KNOCK KNOCK
DON'T WORRY.
I DON'T THINK ANYONE HAS THE SLIGHTEST CLUE
TSUBASA.
A TEACHER WANTS TO SPEAK WITH YOU.
HE SAYS THE PRODUCER FROM THE TOKYO TRENDS SHOW...
. HAS COME TO SEE YOU.
VISITOR'S LOUNGE
WHAT!?
ME?
A COMMERCIAL SHOOT!?
YES. YOUR STAGE APPEARANCE GOT GREAT VIEWER RESPONSE!

I'VE HEARD THAT EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE IN THE TALENT CLASS...
...YOU HAVEN'T MADE YOUR DEBUT YET, CORRECT?
GRIN
AND A GOOD FRIEND OF YOURS TOLD ME...
...THAT YOU WERE FEELING A LITTLE OUT OF PLACE BECAUSE OF THAT.
WHAT FRIEND?
SO WHAT DO YOU SAY?
NAGUMO-KUN, THIS IS GREAT NEWS!
SORRY, BUT I'M FINDING THIS HARD TO SWALLOW. IT'S PRETTY SUDDEN.
THE PROGRAM SPONSOR FELT YOU'D BE THE PERFECT CANDIDATE...
...FOR ITS NEW COMMERCIAL.
WHAT'S THAT TAKASAKI DOING NEXT TO HIM?
I DUNNO!
Lemme see!
SPEAK-ING OF WHICH...

TAKA-SAKI-KUN...
EVEN GETTING IN ONE COMMERCIAL WILL CHANGE EVERYONE'S OPINION ABOUT YOU!
THEY WON'T TALK TRASH...
...BOUT WHO YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH!
AND YOU WON'T FEEL SO INFERIOR ANYMORE!
I THINK THE PROSPECT OF DOING A COMMER-CIAL
...WOULD BE PERFECT FOR YOU.
C'MON, NAGUMO-KUN! YOU'VE GOTTA ACCEPT IT!
YOU'LL NEVER BE HARASSED LIKE YOU WERE YESTERDAY!
I'M STILL NOT SURE
C'MON, YOU CAN'T PUT SUCH A CUTE FACE TO WASTE!
BESIDES...
THIS WAY, YOU CAN STOP BEING SUCH A BURDEN ON RINXS.

I'VE MADE UP MY MIND
I'LL DO IT.
REALLY!?
TSUBASA!
IT'S JUST ONE GIG, AFTER ALL.
WHY DO YOU CARE SO MUCH WHAT I DO?
BECAUSE I WANT YOU TO PROVE THOSE JERKS WRONG!
THANK YOU! YOU'RE A LIFE-SAVER!
GOOD JOB, NAGUMO-KUN!
WE APPRECIATE YOU TAKING US UP ON OUR OFFER!

YOU CAN'T HAVE RINXS WATCHING OUT FOR YOU ALL THE TIME.
DON'T YOU AGREE?
THROB
YES.
YOU'RE RIGHT...
Dammit!
WHAT'S THAT WEASEL WHISPERING ABOUT NOW?
I can't catch it!

WHAT A CUTIE!
WHO IS THIS KID!?
HARUNA-SAMA'S GREAT, BUT THIS NEW TSUBASA GUY TAKES THE CAKE!
HIS FACE IS PRETTY SIMILAR TO YUI-CHAN'S, DON'T YOU THINK?
Yuichan let the television breathe
HIS NAME'S TSUBASA NAGUMO-KUN
HE WAS CHOSEN AS THE SPONSOR'S POSTER CHILD AFTER APPEARING ON SOME SHOW
OH, I CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF HIS CUTEY-SEXY FACE! ♡
SO CUTE AND KIND-LOOKING...
GRIT
DON'T YOU DARE COMPARE HIM TO THAT WENCH!

EITHER WAY, I'M JUST GLAD!
TAKA-SAKI-KUN!
YOU CAN DO IT, NAGUMO-KUN!
THERE'S SOME-THING FISHY ABOUT THAT GUY.
HUBBA-HUBBA!
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HUH ?
JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T DEBUTED YET. .
...DOESN'T MEAN THEY CAN TREAT YOU LIKE DIRT!

DOESN'T HE GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL AS THE RINXS MEMBERS?
PERK
Now you've ruined my perfectly good mood!
BY THE WAY...
SIMILAR TO HER? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
We're going to Yamanaka!
UH, YU-CHAN...
...ABOUT THAT SCHOOL'S SECURITY SYSTEM.
TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW...
MIYA-HARA? WHAT'S UP?
WHAT THE..?
TSU-BASA?
LOOK! IT'S TSUBASA NAGUMO-KUN!
I TOTALLY WANT A POSTER OF HIM!
CAIYA
INTRODUCING A NEW LINE OF PURIFIED WATER TO SHARPEN THE SENSES.
FEEL THE SPLENDOR OF SPLASH FINE.

PRIVATE SEIKO ACADEMY
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE...
...JUST HOW POPULAR HE'S GOTTEN.
FLAP
Tsubosa No Yumo-kun
I CAN'T STAND PEOPLE WHO CATCH A LUCKY BREAK!
SNAP
UNBE-FREAKIN-LIEVABLE!
THERE'S PAPARAZZI CRAWLING AROUND EVERY CORNER OF THE CAMPUS.
ONE LOUSY COMMERCIAL AND HE HITS IT BIG.

IS THAT THE SAME NAGUMO WHO QUIT SCHOOL!?
Lush Pine

TSU-BASA...

I CAN'T BELIEVE A RECLUSE LIKE HIM BECAME A CELEBRITY!
TALK ABOUT OUT OF THE BLUE!
UH... MIYA-HARA?

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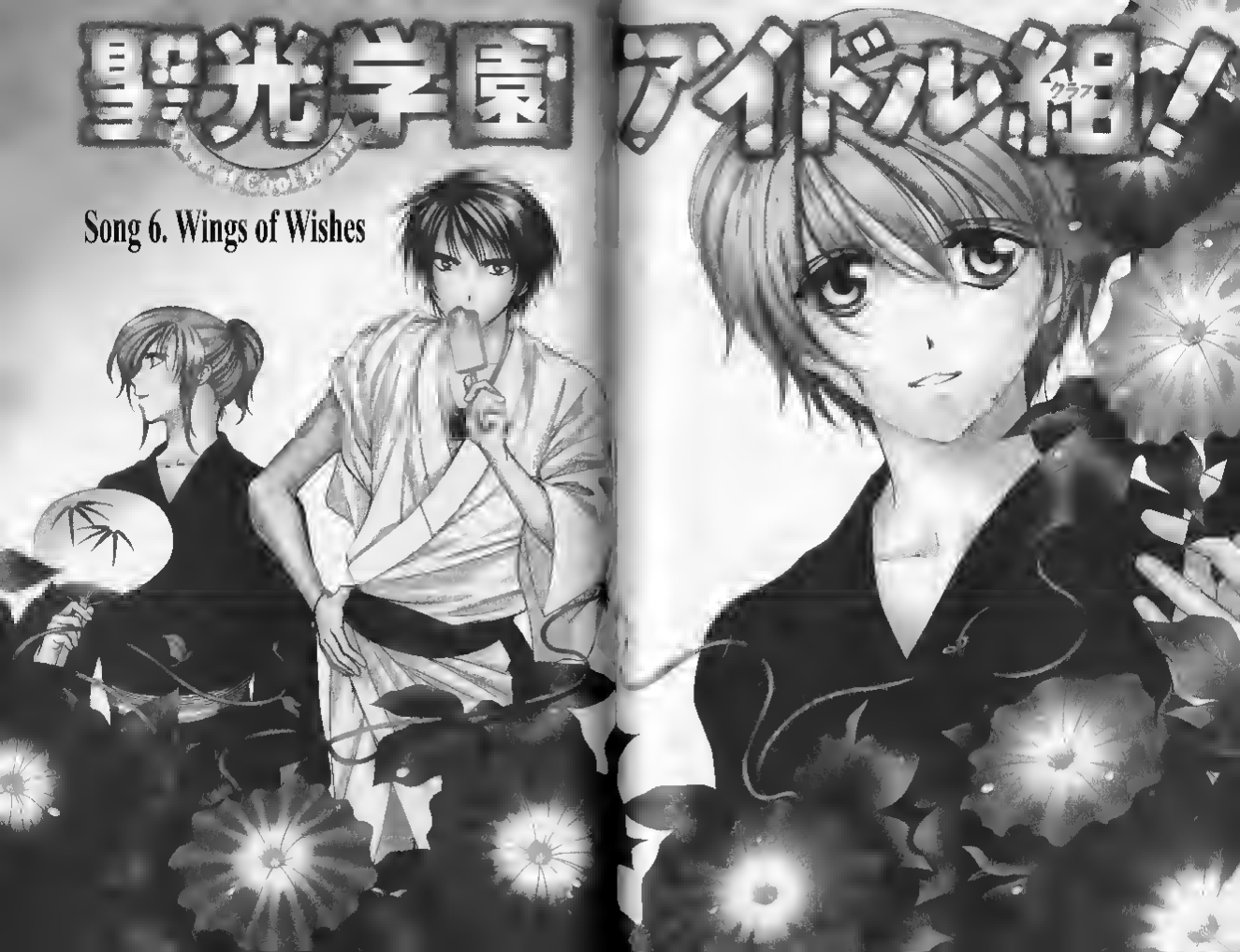
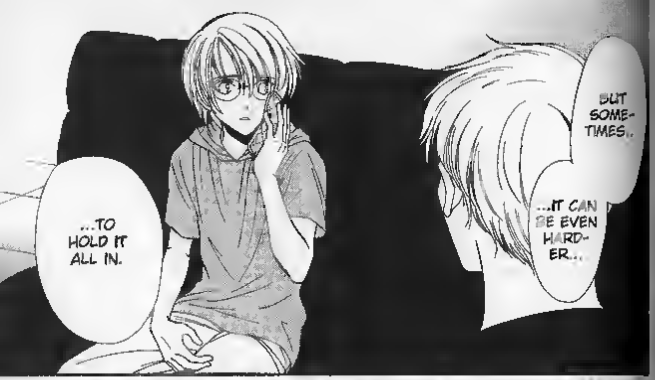
Song 6. Wings of Wishes



GUESS I COULDN'T . .
. . KEEP HIM HIDDEN FOREVER.
SLAP
JTR
WHY DID YOU KEEP IT FROM ME!?
AMANO !?

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE
HE'S GONE AND DONE IT NOW.
I'M TALKING ABOUT TSUBASA NAGUMO-KUN.
I KNEW HE'D CATCH SOMEBODY'S EYE SOONER OR LATER.
WHO, SIR?

I DIDN'T HEAR A SINGLE WORD...
.. ABOUT THE COMMERCIAL...
...UNTIL I SAW IT AIRING MYSELF!
HOW COULD YOU DO THIS TO ME!?
YOUR OWN MANAGER!
I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY, EVERYONE.
I'M SORRY.
AMANO BABY!?
KLATCH
YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THIS FEELS LIKE
AMANO, WAIT!
KAKI-ZAKI-SAN...
PLEASE GET TSU-BASA-KUN...
..SOME-THING COLD TO PUT ON HIS CHEEK.
I CAN'T BELIEVE I STRUCK A CLIENT'S FACE.
CLENCH
SLAM


...TO HOLD IT ALL IN.
BUT SOME-TIMES...
...IT CAN BE EVEN HARD-ER...

HARDER?
TSUBASA...

DOES IT HURT?

DON'T LIE.
YOU CAN TELL ME IF IT HURTS. ♡
UH. NO.
I CAN HANDLE IT

HUH?
THAT SLAP CARRIED ALL OF AMANO'S ANGER WITH IT.
AFTER ALL...
I KNOW THE GUY...
...CAN BE STRICT AT TIMES.

I'M SO DISGUST-ED WITH MYSELF.
...I COULD PUKE.

Thank you very much!
Good work!
Great rehearsal!
HE'S NOT VERY GOOD...
...AT EXPRESSING HIS FEELINGS.
...WE HAD AN UNDERSTANDING
BECAUSE I FELT LIKE...
OH, IT'S TSUBASA-KUN!!
SQUEEEE!!!
HE DOESN'T WANT TO CAUSE ANYONE TROUBLE...
...SO HE'S THE ONE WHO END UP SUFFERING.

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TSUBASA NAGUMO
SEARCH
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OF COURSE
...I KNOW HOW HE FEELS.
THIS WHOLE THING WITH YUI-CHAN...
...WAS ME PUTTING HIM IN A TOUGH SPOT
HE'S DONE SO MUCH FOR US...
I CAN'T BLAME HIM FOR THIS
BEEP BEEP
HOOONK
TSUBASA-KUN'S A SMART BOY
HE'S HONEST AND SINCERE.
I KNOW HE HAD HIS REASONS...
...FOR WHAT HE DID
IT'S JUST...
...SADDENING

MAKES ME SICK JUST LOOKING AT HER!
HOW...
I'M SICK AND TIRED OF THIS GIRL BENDING OVER FOR EVERYBODY!
JUST LET ME SAY THIS!
SHE KEEPS HIDING HER REAL FEELINGS!
IF YOU'RE JEALOUS, THEN JUST ADMIT IT!
I know you like him!
NOW, NOW.
LET'S GO, YU-CHAN!
I'm sorry everyone, a fan of Hayato's...
HOW CAN YOU BE THAT WAY!?
PLEASE!
YOU TRYING TO START A FIGHT!?
EXCUSE ME!?

I'VE BEEN DYING TO GET THIS POSTER!
HM?
GULP!
HE'S SOOOO CUTE!
Oops!
NOTHING! SORRY!
GRR!
THE HELL ARE YOU LOOKING AT!?
THEY ONLY MADE 100 OF THESE POSTERS, SO THEY'RE SUPER RARE!
I BET YOU'RE JEALOUS.
Hm-hmph.!
THADUMP
THADUMP
THADUMP
Sigh...
FOR A SECOND I THOUGHT I WAS BUSTED.
JUST BE HONEST!
OH, STOP IT!
I REALLY DON'T WANT IT.
DON'T DENY IT!
Again with the jealousy!
NO NOT REALLY.
I'll just be myself!!

THANKS SO MUCH FOR TELLING ME!
HUH?
Well, aren't we glad she thanked you?
Though I have no memory
BAH
AMANO-SAN!
I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT EXPLAINING THINGS, SO THIS MAY TAKE SOME TIME.
HUFF
IT'S ABOUT SCHOOL...
I'VE BEEN BROODING A LOT BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID IT'D BE TOO MUCH HASSLE IF I TOLD YOU.
HUFF...
I GET IT NOW!
THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN MEANING TO TELL YOU!
Is something wrong?
TSU-BASA-KUN?

WHAT ARE YOU, STUPID?
IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!
Please watch what you say
Dish, she's not listening...
WHO ENJOYS HIDING THEIR FEELINGS JUST TO GET BY?
PLEASE TELL ME!
JUST SAY WHATEVER'S ON YOUR MIND!
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN EXPRESS YOUR FEELINGS
SO YOU MIGHT AS WELL GET THEM OUT IN THE OPEN!
I GET IT NOW!
Yuichan, watch yourself.
YOU'LL NEVER GET YOURSELF ACROSS IF YOU ALWAYS WORRY OVER WHAT OTHER PEOPLE SAY.
AM I RIGHT?

I'M SORRY AGAIN FOR HITTING YOU
AMANO-SAN.
I UNDERSTAND NOW WHY YOU TOOK ON THE COMMERCIAL GIG
TO MAKE IT EASIER ON RINXS
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING...
I DON'T WANT YOU TO FORGET.
I'LL ALWAYS.
BE ON YOUR SIDE.
AMANO-SAN...
DON'T FORGET ABOUT US!

THANKS SO MUCH...
...FOR EVERYTHING TODAY.
BAH!!
TSUBASA-KUN!

BUT WILL YOU.
..LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY?

GRASP!
KAGA-SEMPAI?
DON'T READ THIS TRASH IN THE CAFETERIA!
HEY! WHAT GIVES!?
SNATCH
CHILL, DUDE.
SO YOU'RE HOME EARLY!
IT WAS JUST LAYING HERE, SO I PICKED IT UP
TSU-BASA!
HEY!
PLEASE!
TSU-BASA-KUN!?
LET ME SEE THAT!

HARUNA-SEMPAI!
WELCOME BACK, TSUBASA-KUN.
I was just on my way home.
I CAN PASS THE MESSAGE ALONG.
I'M SORRY I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO...
MORE IMPOR-TANTLY...
...TELL YOU GUYS.
I SEE.
SO THAT'S BEEN ON YOUR MIND?
HUH!?
I HEARD...
...THAT YOU GOT ANOTHER COMMERCIAL OFFER.
LOSE IT OR YOU'LL LOSE YOUR TEETH!!
WHAT DO YOU PLAN ON DOING NOW?

NAGUMO-KUN?
DASH
TSU-BASA!
RIKU-KUN!
BAH
HOOK ME UP...
...TO THE INTERNET!
Huff!
Huff!
Just got back from a film shoot.
OH!
HEY, TSUBASA-KUN. WELCOME HOME!
STOP IT!
I HAVEN'T HOOKED UP... THE COMPUTER THE SCHOOL GAVE ME... YET.
Huff...
What's up?
HUH?
Famous Commercial Stu
Tsubasa Nagumo Once Left School As a Hermit
WHO'D HAVE GUESSED
..OUR FAVORITE LITTLE NAGUMO-KUN .
..WAS A RECLUSE?
AND IT'S GETTING LOTS OF HITS.
THE NEWS IS POSTED ALL OVER THE SUPER ♡ve♡e NET FORUM
YOU SHUT YOUR MOUTH!
HAVEN'T YOU...
...BEEN CHECKING?

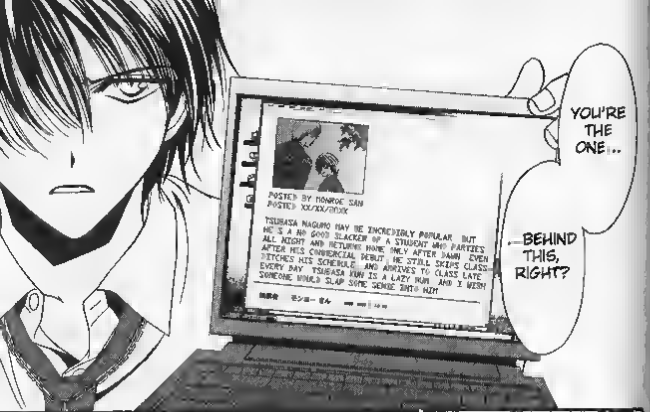
BUT...
IT WASN'T ENOUGH.
I THOUGHT I'D SAVE MYSELF IF I HELPED SOMEONE ELSE.
AND THE REASON I TOOK ON THE TASK OF YUI-CHAN'S SUBSTITUTE ..
EVEN IF BEING A SUBSTITUTE HELPED, THE WOUNDS NEVER REALLY LEFT!
..WAS BECAUSE I SAW A PART OF MY OLD SELF IN HER.
I WAS SO SURE.
TSU-BASA-KUN!
STOP THIS RIGHT NOW AND LISTEN TO US!
I HAVE TO FACE THE TRUTH, EVEN IF IT HURTS.
IF NOT, THEN NOTHING WILL CHANGE!

WHAT!?
SUPER ☆ NET!?
DON'T LISTEN TO HIM! JUST LET ME SEE THE FORUM ON THE CELEBRITY RUMORS SUPER ☆ NET!
DON'T LOOK AT IT!
KAGA-KUN!?
There's nothing but lies on it!
NO WAY! EVEN I DON'T CHECK THAT STUPID SITE!
I'M SOR-RY.
IT'S TRUE THAT I WAS A RECLUSE.
TSU-BASA-KUN?
I NEVER TOLD ANYONE, BUT..
..I QUIT MY LAST SCHOOL BECAUSE OF IT.
I HATED THE WAY I WAS...
...SO I CAME HERE TO START AGAIN NEW.

I AL-READY KNEW THAT.
I KNEW IT ALL TOO WELL.
BUT..
I DIDN'T HAVE THE CONFI-DENCE
I WAS TOO AFRAID
STOP THIS, TSUBASA-KUN!
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU GET HURT!
And hands off the goods!
I AGREE
JEEZUS, WHO CARES WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE?
LEAVE THE PAST WHERE IT BE-LONGS!
I STILL BECAME FRIENDS WITH YOU!.
DESPITE WHATEVER I HEARD.
AND I'LL CONTINUE TO BE SO
ME, TOO!
SO WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT!?
I CAN FACE THIS BECAUSE THEY'RE WITH ME
I WON'T RUN AWAY ANYMORE.
THANKS, GUYS.
THAT'S WHY..

WHOEVER POSTED IT MUST BE A STUDENT AT THE DORMS TOO!
No one else could've gotten the shot!
THAT'S ME...AND AMANO-SAN!
In front of the dorms!
LOOK AT THIS ONE!
POSTED BY MONROE-SAN
POSTED XX/XX/20XX
TSUBASA NAGUMO MAY BE INCREDIBLY POPULAR, BUT HE'S A NO-GOOD SLACKER
A STUDENT WHO PARTIES
NIGHT AND RETURNS HO
ONLY AFTER DAWN. EV
TER HIS COMMERCIAL
HE STILL SKIPS C
DITCHES HIS SCH
ARRIVES TO CL
EVERY DAY. TS
IS A LAZY BU
SOMEONE WHO
DAMN IT ALL!
I'm going to find him!
KAGA-KUN, WAIT!
THIS IS ALL TURNING OUT TO BE ONE SICK JOKE!
And I'm fed up with it!
I THINK I KNOW...
...WHO IT MIGHT BE

Don't take it too seriously.
THERE ARE SO MANY POSTS.
Amazing
PROOF THAT IT'S GOT PEOPLE'S ATTENTION
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
TSU-BASA
DON'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO THE WEIRD ONES.
OKAY.
!?
はっ
Oh, my God!
.. I NEED YOU.
.. BY MY SIDE.
Rumors Message Bo
SEARC
Super
NEW POSTS, NEWEST 30
TSUBASA NAGUMO'S
BY ANONYMOUS POSTED
RE: TSUBASA NAGUMO'S
BY GUEST POSTED
TSUBASA NAGUMO'S
BY ANONYMOUS PO

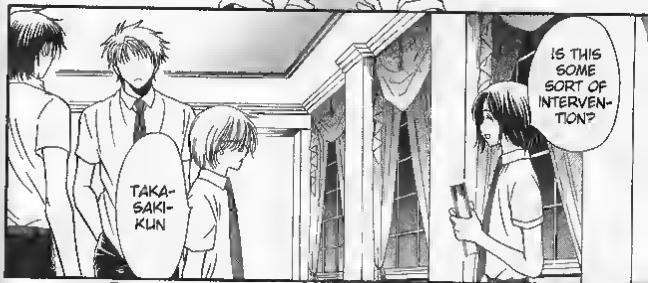

YOU'RE THE ONE...
...BEHIND THIS, RIGHT?
POSTED BY: MONROE SAN
POSTED: XX/XX/XXXX
TSUBASA NAGANO MAY BE INCREDIBLY POPULAR, BUT HE'S A NO GOOD SLACKER OF A STUDENT WHO PARTIES ALL NIGHT AND RETURNS HOME ONLY AFTER DAWN. EVEN AFTER HIS COMMERCIAL DEBUT, HE STILL SKIPS CLASS. EVERY DAY TSUBASA KUN IS A LAZY BUM, AND I WISH SOMEONE WOULD SLAP SOME SENSE INTO HIM!

I KNOW FOR A FACT...
...THAT YOU USED A SCHOOL COMPUTER TO GET ONLINE

AN ONLINE MESSAGE BOARD?
I DON'T USE THOSE. I HARDLY EVEN LOOK AT THEM.
TAKA-SAKI-KUN.

THIS IS OUTRA-GEOUS!
YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG GUY!
WE HAVE THE PAPER TRAIL TO PROVE IT.

WHAT'S UP, GUYS?


TAKA-SAKI-KUN
IS THIS SOME SORT OF INTERVEN-TION?

MAYBE THIS WILL JOG YOUR MEMORY.
DO WHAT?
WHY.
...DID YOU DO IT?

PAH!
WAS ALL THE SUPPORT YOU GAVE ME...
...ALSO A LIE?
Ah ha ha ha ha!
あはははは
TAKASAKI-KUN!?
TAKA-SAKI-KUN.
WHY DID YOU DO IT?
SHEESH, YOU REALLY ARE...
...FULL OF DUMB LUCK.

...TO YOUR COMPUTER'S IP ADDRESS.
HE TRACED YOUR LOG-IN INFORMATION ON THE SERVER...
ALL COMPUTERS ON CAMPUS NEED A STUDENT'S INFORMATION TO ACCESS THE NET.
...THAT HE GOT ON TELEVISION AND THE COMMERCIAL TO BEGIN WITH!
THE ADMINIS-TRATOR OF THIS FORUM ...IS A COSPLAY-ING FRIEND OF MINE
AND WHAT REASON WOULD I HAVE TO SABOTAGE NAGUMO-KUN?
IT WAS ALL THANKS TO ME.
WE KNOW YOU DID IT, TAKASAKI-KUN.
'FESS UP

WHAT IS IT ABOUT YOU...
...THAT MAKES YOU SO DAMN SPECIAL!?
THEN YOU MEAN...
FOR NEVER WANTING TO BE FAMOUS...
...THAT SINGLE COMMERCIAL WAS ALL IT TOOK TO ROCKET YOU TO SUPER STARDOM!
YOU HAD THIS PLANNED FROM THE START?
OF COURSE!
LEAVING ME BEHIND!
SMASH
WHY, YOU LITTLE--!
GRR!!
WHY WOULD I EVER CHEER FOR A RIVAL!?

TAKASAKI-KUN!?
I CAN'T STAND THE WAY...
...SOMEONE'S ALWAYS THERE TO SAVE YOUR HIDE!
I HONESTLY DID WANT YOU TO PROVE THOSE JERKS WRONG! PROVE TO THEM THAT THEY HAVE NO RIGHT TO SPIT ON ROOKIES LIKE US!
THEN...
...WHY DO THIS!?
THAT'S WHY I CHEERED YOU ON!
Ha!
NONE OF IT WAS A LIE.
BECAUSE YOU SUCCEEDED!
A LITTLE TOO WELL!

TSU-BASA-KUN?
IT'S SETTLED DONE AND OVER
I DON'T HATE YOU.
SAY SOMETHING!
I KNOW YOU HATE ME!
LET'S GO BACK TO OUR ROOMS.
SO I KNOW...
I'VE HAD IT TOUGH PLENTY OF TIMES TOO
COME OFF IT!
...JUST HOW YOU FEEL.
HMPH!
TAKASAKI-KUN, LISTEN.
YOU THINK I NEED YOUR PITY!?

TSUBASA KUN'S FEELINGS AREN'T FOR YOU TO PLAY WITH.
GU...
YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A MEGALO-MANIAC.
H-Haruna?
Ee!
THAT'S ENOUGH!
YOU BUILT HIM UP AND THEN DROPPED HIM THE MOMENT THINGS GOT TOO GOOD.

IT'S ALWAYS DARKEST JUST BEFORE THE DAWN.
I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT AT FIRST EITHER...
...UNTIL I CAME HERE.
TRY NOT..
...TO FORGET THAT.
パタン
SHUT
TSUBASA?
TSUBASA-KUN!?
I'M ALL RIGHT.
I JUST... FELT A LITTLE DIZZY.
ぽろ
PLIP
ぽろろ
PLOP
HUH?
WHAT...
WHAT'S GOING ON?
I GUESS THAT SHOOK ME UP..
WORSE THAN I THOUGHT.

BUENOS DÍAS...
...TSUBASA!
. . .BUT I KNOW THERE'S A SUN SOMEWHERE BEHIND THOSE CLOUDS.
There's a strange man in the courtyard.
THAT'S JUST CHIYODA BRAVO HE'S THE PRESIDENT OF OUR AGENCY
??
C'MERE, TSUBASA!
Gimme a hug!
GLOMP
ACK!
STARTING TODAY, YOU'RE A CLIENT OF OUR COMPANY!
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

YOU WERE WONDERFUL, TSUBASA-KUN.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO HOLD IT IN ANY LONGER.
THE DAWN MAY NOT HAVE BROKEN YET...

Something Missing (From Song 5)
BONUS
From Song. 3
Wall
TSUBASA
KLATCH
THE PRODUCER OF TOKYO TRENDS...
...WANTS TO SPEAK WITH YOU.
HUH?
Are you all right, Tsubasa-kun?
Wig
Oh, sempai...
Silly Riku.
Balancing ball
RIKU-KUN...
I wondered where he went.
Ha-ha-ha!
WHAAT?
OF COURSE HER SCHEDULE WILL STILL TAKE PRECEDENCE!
BUT WHAT ABOUT BEING YUI-CHAN'S SUBSTITUTE?
I've already talked it over with her agency
BARREL FULL OF LAUGHS
高笑い
WHAT?
THIS MARKS THE OFFICIAL DEBUT OF THE STAR TSUBASA NAGUMO!
THAT MAKES YOU OUR OFFICIAL UNDER-CLASSMAN.
CAN'T WAIT TO WORK MORE WITH YOU, TSUBASA-KUN!
HERE'S TO ANOTHER YEAR.
AND SO IT SEEMS MY TUMULTUOUS SCHOOL CAREER...
WHAAT?
...IS FAR FROM OVER.
END
Boys of Class 1006

Translator's Notes

Pg. 27 — *mochi*
Mochi is basically sticky rice cake. It's made by pounding the rice until it becomes smooth and sticky. Its elastic and bouncy nature is quite comparable to a set of soft cheeks like Tsubasa's.

Pg. 79 — Kaseido
This makeup brand is a pun off of the *real* Japanese brand Shiseido, as vast in its popularity as Mary Kay is in the United States.

Pg. 91 — sneezing and being talked about
In Japan, there's a superstition that when someone's talking about you behind your back—especially badly—you'll sneeze. In this case, the boys' talk about Yu's unhealthy infatuation with Haruna has caused the same effect.

Pg. 93 — shutter streets
This is the term for the phenomenon in Japan in which large portions of urban centers suffer economically and go out of business, leaving behind only walls of closed shutters.

Pg. 116 — Train Man
This is in reference to the immensely popular movie/drama based on a real story about a typical otaku man and his unusual romance with a mysterious woman.

Pg. 116 — Comiket
This is the largest gathering of manga fans who come together at Tokyo Dome twice a year to buy and sell amateur comics.

Pg. 170 — Akihabara
This neighborhood in Tokyo is a major hub for electronic goods and geek culture. Fans of anime, video games, and other entertainment fields can inundate themselves in all sorts of outlets of commerce and pleasure.

Pg. 226 — *enka*
Enka is a traditional style of Japanese folk music often equated to country western music from America. The *enka* sound is very distinctive as it requires a lot of warble.

Thank you all so very much for picking up this manga!! ♥
I'm delighted to have created something that caught your attention!! (Something that took my blood, sweat, and tears!) To everyone who holds this book in your very hands, those who read it while in the B's-LOG magazine, everyone who did the research for me, everyone who supported me, my lovely assistants, my great editor and everyone from the editorial department... it's all thanks to you! ♥♥ I'm sending my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you!! Thank you, thank you!

Days of Cool Idols! was actually my first manga on the subject of idols. Speaking of idols, M-kun from the nationally acclaimed idol group "S" retired a long time ago but I loved him! ♥ He was so tall with nice long legs— I used to attend nearly all of his concerts back in the day. And with where I am today, I like to think all of these experiences amounted to something. I guess everything we do in life can serve a deeper purpose.

Moving on! I hope you enjoyed the whacky adventures of Tsubasa and the RINXS boys! I'll be praying that we get to meet again in a second volume.

♥ With lots of love,
☆ Mizuki Watanabe ☆

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